THE ITALIAN OPENING (C-50)

95 ANNOTATED GAMES

C50

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2733**

■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2802**

Chess.com SpeedChess Final blitz (2.18)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

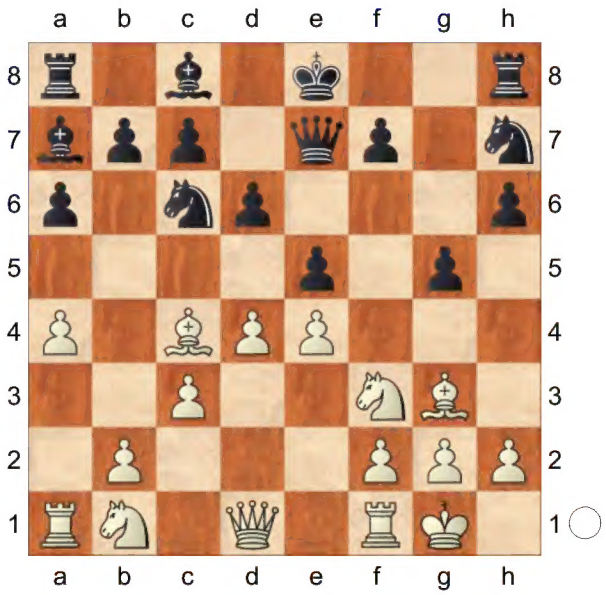
The Field 18 Feb 1882; Pagni Italian book p173. Pagni says this game was played in 1878. Apparently the old Italian rules were NOT used. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 a6N**

[7...g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 *(9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.h3 Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 21.Bb3 Rag8 22.Nxc7 Kxc7 23.Bxg8 Rxg8* Bruneau,L-Van Tuyl,W 1934 226900 Zürich (Switzerland)*)* 9...Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.b4 *(11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 21.fxg4 Qe8 22.Qe1 Qe3+ 23.Qxe3 dxe3 24.g3 Rh1+ 25.Kg2 R8h2+* Chapter Italian Game-Games Chapter Italian Game*)* 11...Bb6 12.Nbd2 0-0-0 13.a4 a5 14.Bb5 Rdg8 15.bxa5 Ba7 16.Nb3 gxh4 17.Bxh4 Bh3 18.g3 Qg4 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Nbd2 Bxf1 21.Qxf1 Qg6 22.d4 Padua-Rome Rome-Padua match 1878-1882 (1) 1-0]

[7...a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 22.Rxg3 Boskovic,M (2688)-Kennaugh,C (2720) 45: Lloyds Bank 1994 (6.1) 0-1]

8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 The position is equal. **10.Bg3 Nh7 11.d4 Qe7** 0.87/19

[11...h5= -0.01/19 12.h4 *(12.dxe5 h4∓)* 12...g4]



12.Bd5!± Hoping for Bd5xc6+. **12...f6 13.Nbd2** 0.48/20

[13.b4± 0.87/18]

13...h5 Threatens to win with ...h5-h4.

14.dxe5 -0.01/21

[14.h4!± 0.44/19 is superior.]

14...dxe5 0.50/20

[14...fxe5= -0.01/21 15.Nc4 h4 16.Nxh4 gxh4 17.Qh5+ Kf8 18.Bxh4 Qg7 19.Qf3+ Ke8 20.Qh5+ Kf8 21.Qf3+ Ke8 22.Qh5+ Kf8]

15.Nc4? -1.33/20

[15.h4!± 0.50/20 keeps the upper hand.]

15...Nf8? 0.38/20

[Black should play 15...h4∓ -1.33/20 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Nfxe5 fxe5 *(17...hxg3? is the wrong capture. 18.Qh5+ Kf8 19.Ng6+ Kf7 20.Nxe7++-)* 18.Qh5+ Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.Bxe5 Nf6]

16.h4± g4 17.Ne1 Qh7 0.79/20
[17...Nd8± 0.34/19]
18.Ne3 0.23/21 White is more active.
[18.Bxc6+± 0.79/20 bxc6 19.Qe2]
18...Ne7!= 19.Nd3↑ White is pushing.
19...c6 1.69/21
[19...Nxd5= 0.22/19 20.Nxd5 Qg7]
20.Ba2 0.86/20
[20.Bc4+- 1.69/21]
20...Ne6? 2.73/21
[20...Neg6± 0.86/20]
21.Nc4+- Ng8? 5.29/24
[21...Ng6 2.28/20 is tougher. 22.Nd6+ Ke7]
22.Nd6+ White is clearly winning.
22...Ke7

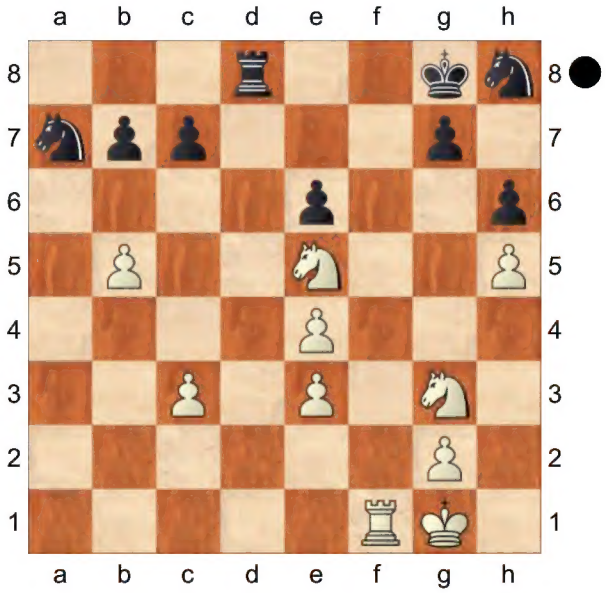
23.Nxe5! fxe5 24.Bxe5 Nh6 25.Nxc8+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.84
1-0

C50

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2744**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2796**
Zagreb Superbet Blitz (15) 14.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Bb6 6.a4
[6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) 2000 (1) 0-1 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 Re7 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1]
6...a6N
[6...Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6 #1]
7.b4 h6 8.h3!? The position is equal. Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
8...Nge7N
[Vorgänger: 8...Nf6 9.g4 -0.61/18 *(9.Nbd2= 0.20/20)* 9...0-0 0.74/22 *(9...d5∓ -0.61/18 stays ahead. 10.exd5 Nxd5)* 10.g5± hxg5 11.Bxg5 Na7? 3.77/20 *(11...a5± 0.95/19* was called for.*)* 12.a5+- Bxf2+ 13.Kxf2 b6 14.Qg1 bxa5 Engels,J-Sluga,A Nova Gorica op 05th 2000 (2) 1-0]
9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Nf1
[10.0-0 is more complex. Nf4 11.a5 Ba7 12.Nb3]
10...0-0 11.Ng3 Be6 12.Qb3 Bxc4 13.Qxc4 Nce7 14.0-0 Qd7 15.Be3 d5 16.Qb3 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Rad8 18.Rad1 dxe4 19.dxe4 Qe6 0.84/21
[19...Qc6= 0.24/22]
20.Qxe6± fxe6 21.h4 Nc6 22.h5 Nh8 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 Na7 25.Nxe5 -0.06/23
[25.Rxd8± 0.76/22 Rxd8 26.Rb1 *(26.Nxe5 Nxb5 27.Rb1 Nd6=)*]
25...Rxf1+= 26.Rxf1



Black must now prevent c3-c4.
26...Nxb5 27.c4 Nd6 28.c5 Ndf7 29.Nf3 Ng5 0.54/24
[Black should try 29...Ra8= 0.01/23]
30.Rb1± Rb8 31.Ne5 Threatens to win with Ne5-c6. **31...b6** 0.97/24
[31...Nhf7± 0.55/24 feels stronger. 32.Nc6 Ra8 33.Rxb7 Kh7]
32.Nc6± Rb7 33.Rb4 0.26/25
[33.e5?! Nhf7±]
[33.Ne2± 1.10/24]
33...Nhf7= 34.Ne2 e5 35.Nc1 Strongly threatening Nc1-b3. **35...Ne6 36.Nd3 Kf8?** 5.76/24

[36...Nfd8± 0.33/24 37.Nxd8 *(37.Ncxe5 bxc5 38.Ra4 Kf8±)* 37...Nxd8]

37.Rb5? 0.32/25

[37.Ndxe5 Nxe5 *(37...Nxc5? 38.Nxf7* Remove Defender *Kxf7 39.Nd8+ Kg8 40.Nxb7+-)* 38.Nxe5 Nxc5∓]

[White should play 37.Ra4+- 5.76/24 g6 38.hxg6 bxc5 39.gxf7 Kxf7 40.Ncxe5+ *(40.Ndxe5+ Kg7+-)* 40...Ke8 41.Kh2]

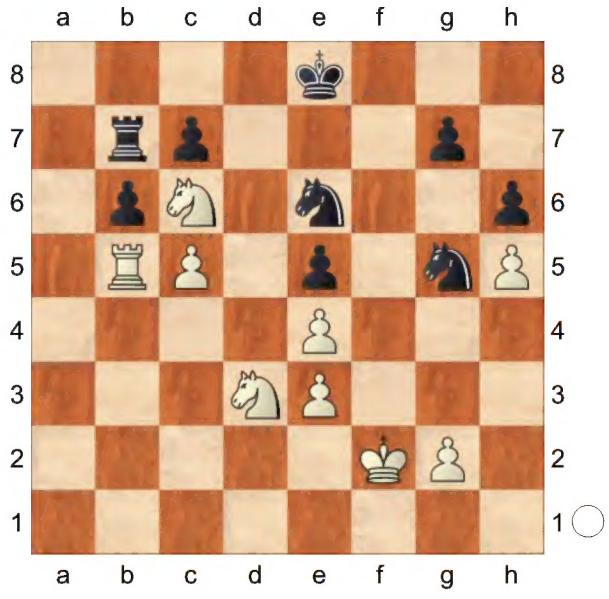
37...Ke8 0.84/25

[37...Neg5!± 0.32/25]

38.Kf2± White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[38.Ndxe5? Nxe5 *(38...Nxc5? 39.Nxf7* Remove Defender *Kxf7 40.Rxc5+-)* 39.Nxe5 Nxc5∓]

38...Nfg5



39.Rb4

[39.Ncxe5 Nxe4+ 40.Kf3 N4xc5= *(40...N6xc5 41.Rb2∓)*]

39...Nf7 40.Kf3

[40.Ncxe5 Nxe5 *(40...Nxc5 41.Nxc5* Pin *Nxe5 42.Rb1=)* 41.Nxe5 Nxc5∓]

40...Ned8 1.19/26

[⌓40...Nfd8 0.83/29 41.Nxd8 *(41.Ncxe5 Nxc5 42.Kf4 Nxd3+ 43.Nxd3 Ra7∓; 41.Ndxe5 bxc5 42.Ra4 Nxc6=)* 41...Nxd8]

41.Nxd8

[41.Ncxe5 Nxe5+ 42.Nxe5 bxc5+-]

[41.Ndxe5?! bxc5 42.Rxb7 *(42.Nxf7? cxb4 43.Nfxd8 b3-+)* 42...Nxe5+ 43.Nxe5 Nxb7=]

41...Nxd8 42.cxb6

[42.Nxe5?! bxc5 43.Rc4 Ne6±]

42...cxb6 43.Nxe5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **43...b5** Dodges Ne5-c4 **44.Kg4 Nf7** 1.65/25

[44...Ke7± 0.74/23 is a better defense.]

45.Nf3+- e4-e5 would now be deadly.

45...Ke7? 3.24/24

[45...Nd6± 1.34/23 was necessary. 46.Nh4 Rb6]

46.Nd4? 0.41/26

[46.e5+- 3.24/24]

46...Nd6 4.86/26

[46...Kf6± 0.41/26]

47.e5 White is clearly winning.

[47.Kf4 Kf8 48.g4 Nc4+-]

47...Nc4 48.Kf4

[And not 48.Rxb5 Nxe3+ 49.Kf3 Rxb5 50.Nxb5 Nxg2=]

[48.Nxb5 Na3= *(48...Nxe3+ 49.Kg3∓)*]

48...Na3 49.Rb3 b4 50.Nc6+ Ke6 13.17/26

[⌓50...Kd7 4.54/24]

51.Rxb4 4.37/24

[⌓51.Nd8+ 13.17/26 Kd5 52.Nxb7]

51...Rxb4+ 52.Nxb4 KN-KN **52...Nc4 53.Nd3 Kd5 54.e4+ Kd4** 11.76/27

[⌓54...Ke6 4.51/26 55.g3 *(55.Nc5+ Kf7+-)* 55...Nd2]

55.Ne1 Kc5 56.Nf3 Kc6 57.Nd4+ Kd7 58.Nf5

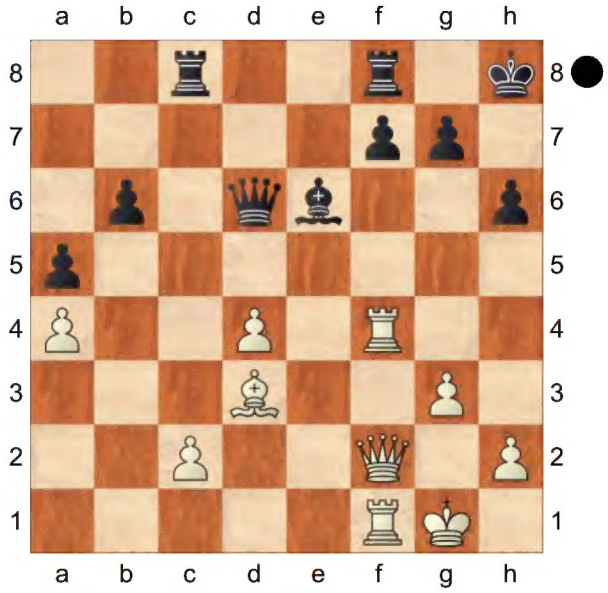
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/

Black=0.49
1-0

C50
□ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** 2763
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** 2805
Bucharest Superbet Classic 4th (7)
[Kitty Kat]

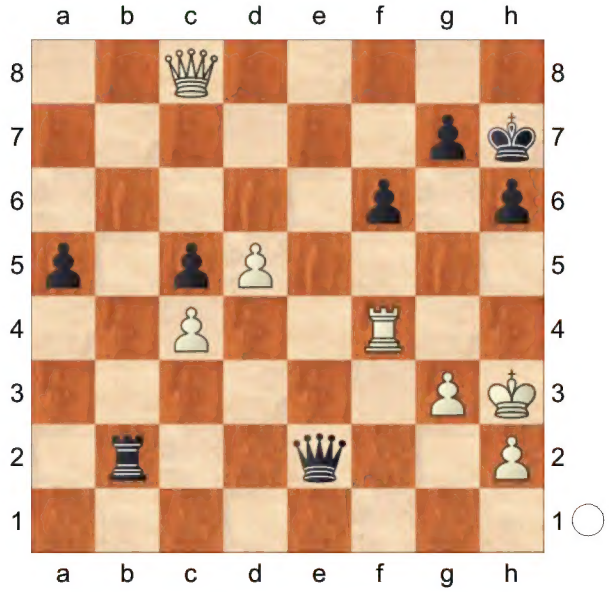
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.a4N
[5.Be3 Bb6 *(5...Bxe3 6.fxe3 Nh6 7.0-0 Na5 8.Nbd2 Nxc4 9.Nxc4 0-0 10.d4 b5 11.Ncd2 Re8 12.d5 g5 13.Qe1 Kh8 14.Qg3 Rg8 15.Rae1 Ng4 16.h3 Nh6 17.Nh2 f5 18.exf5 Nxf5 19.Qf2 Bd7 20.e4* Loyd,S-Arnous de Riviere,J Paris Congres International 1867 0-1*)* 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qd2 Bg4 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 0-0 10.c3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Qf6 12.f4 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Ne7 14.Bb3 a5 15.0-0 a4 16.Bc2 a3 17.b4 c5 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.bxc5 Qxc5 Machate,G-Bogoljubow,E Bad Elster Olympia Trainingsturnier 1936 (1) 0-1]
[5.h3 h6 6.c3 Qf6 7.Nbd2 a6 8.Bb3 Be6 9.0-0 Nge7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nf1 Bb6 12.Be3 d5 13.Bxb6 cxb6 14.Ng3 Rfd8 15.Qc2 Rac8 16.Qb1 Bxh3 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.d4 N5g6 19.gxh3 Qh4 76: Black]
5...a5 6.Nc3 h6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nf6 10.Nd2 0-0 11.f4 Be6 12.Bb5** next f4-f5 is good for White. **12...Ng4 13.Qe1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 exf4 15.Rxf4 Ne5 16.d4 Ng6 17.Rf2 Qg5 18.Nf1 Rad8 19.Rb1 b6 20.g3 Ne7 21.Qe2 Bg4 22.Qd3 Kh8 23.Ne3 Bh3 24.Qd2 d5 25.exd5** -0.29/23
[White should try 25.Nxd5 0.30/21 Nxd5 26.Qxg5 hxg5 27.exd5 Rxd5 28.Re1]
25...Nxd5= 26.Re1 c5 27.Nxd5 Qxd5 28.Rf4 Qd6 29.Qf2 Be6 30.Bd3 Rfe8 31.Rfe4 Rf8 32.Rf4 Rde8 33.Rb1 Rc8 34.Rf1 cxd4 35.cxd4



Bc4! 36.Qe3 -0.98/22
[36.Qf3∓ -0.58/21 is more appropriate.]
36...f6 -0.52/22
[36...Rfe8∓ -0.98/22 37.Qd2 Re7]
37.Rb1∓ Bxd3 -0.04/22
[37...Rfd8∓ -0.48/21 should be considered.]
38.Qxd3= Qc6 39.d5 Qc5+ 40.Rf2 Rfe8 41.Rb5 Qd6 42.Qd4
[42.c4 feels hotter. Re1+ 43.Kg2 Rce8 44.Qd4]
42...Rc5
[42...Re1+ is interesting. 43.Kg2 Rc5 44.c4 Rxb5 45.cxb5 Kg8]
43.Rxc5 bxc5 Endgame. KQR-KQR **44.Qd3 Qd7 45.Rf4 Re5 46.c4 Qxa4 47.Rf1 Qd7 48.Rb1 Re8 49.Qa3** -0.98/23
[49.Rb6∓ -0.45/21]
49...Qe7 Threatens to win with ...Qe7-e4. **50.Rf1 Ra8 51.Qa4** -1.91/24
[51.Qd3∓ -0.74/22 might work better.]

51...Qe3+ 52.Kg2 -2.03/25
[52.Rf2∓ -1.53/26 was called for.]
52...Rb8 53.Rf2 Prevents Rb8-b2
53...Qe4+ 54.Kh3 Rb4 -0.59/25
[54...Kg8∓ -1.37/22 55.Qc6 h5 *(55...Qxc4 56.Qe6+ Kh8 57.Rxf6=)*]
55.Rf4 -1.05/25
[55.Qc6∓ -0.59/25]
55...Qe2 -0.64/25
[55...Qe5∓ -1.05/25 56.Qd7 Rb2]
56.Qd7 Rb2 0.01/23
[Of course not 56...Rxc4 57.Qc8+ Kh7 58.Qf5+ Kh8 59.Qc8+ Kh7 60.Qf5+ Kh8 61.Qc8+=]
[56...Rb8!∓ -0.50/25 57.d6 a4]
57.Qc8+ The position is equal. **57...Kh7**
58.Qf5+ Kg8 59.Qc8+ Kh7⇄
[59...Kf7!? 60.Qc7+□ Kg8 61.Qc8+ Kf7 62.Qc7+ Ke8 63.Qc8+ *(63.Qxc5* is a self mate. *Qh5+* Skewer *64.Rh4 Qf5+ 65.Rg4 Qf1+* Deflection *66.Kh4 Rxh2#)* 63...Kf7=]



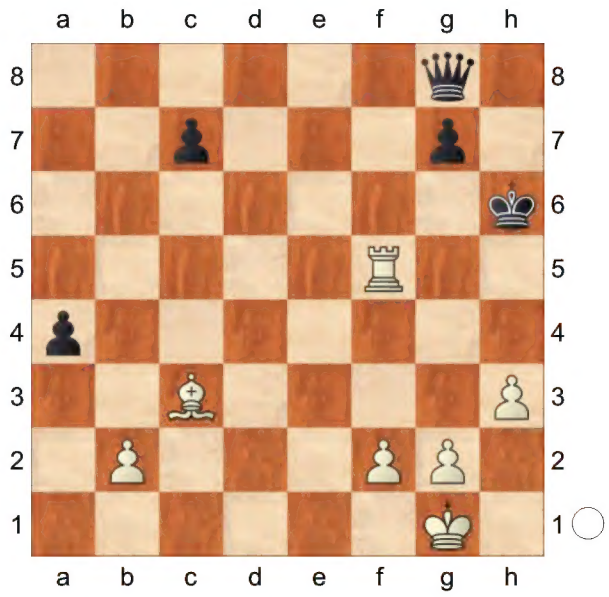
(-> ...h6-h5). Black is not holding back
60.Qf5+ Kg8
[60...Kh8!? 61.Qc8+□ Kh7=]
61.Qc8+ Kh7 62.Qf5+ Kg8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
[62...Kh8!? 63.Qc8+□ Kh7=]
½-½

C50
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2729**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2763**
Zagreb Superbet Rapid (8) 12.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

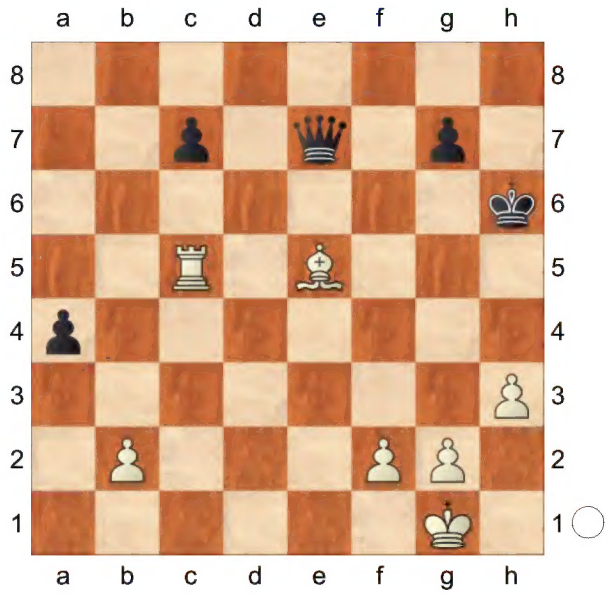
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.h3 d6 6.a4
[6.Nc3 a6 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 Dardha,D (2609)-Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) 1-0]
6...a6 7.c3 0-0N
[7...h6 8.0-0 Ba7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 6.e3 0-0 7. ♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk, A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16) ½-½ Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 26.Rxe5 Qd7 27.Qe3 Rxe5 28.Nxe5 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Ne6 30.b3 Qd6 31.g3 Nd4 32.Ng4 h5 33.Qe8+ Qf8 34.Qe4 Nxb3 35.Ne3 Nc5 36.Qe5 Ne6 37.Qxh5 Pedmanson,A (1939)-Jodorcovsky,A (2053) World ol U16 2023 (5.16) ½-½]
8.Nbd2 The position is equal. **8...Re8 9.Nf1** -0.22/21
[9.0-0± 0.33/19]
9...d5= 10.exd5 e4 11.dxe4 Nxe4 12.Be3 -0.81/22
[12.Ne3= -0.27/22 keeps the balance.]
12...Ne5!∓ 13.Nxe5 Rxe5 14.Qe2 Threatens to win with Be3xc5. **14...Nd6 15.Bxc5** -1.61/21
[15.0-0-0∓ -0.50/20]
15...Rxe2+-+ 16.Bxe2 Ne4 17.Be3 Bf5
[17...Qxd5? 18.Rd1+-]
18.Rd1 Qd7 -1.14/21
[⌓18...Qe7 -1.57/21 19.Bd4 Bd7]
19.Bd4∓ Qxa4 20.Ne3 Bg6 21.0-0 Re8 22.Ra1 Qd7 23.Rfe1 h6 24.Rad1 Nd6 -0.89/19
[⌓24...a5 -1.32/19 25.Ra1 a4]
25.c4 a5 -0.67/20
[25...Qa4∓ -1.07/19 26.Bf1 Nf5]
26.Rc1 Nf5 27.Bg4 h5 28.Nxf5 Rxe1+
[28...hxg4 29.Nxg7 Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1±]
29.Rxe1 Bxf5
[29...hxg4 30.Nxg7 f6 *(30...gxh3 31.Ne8=)* 31.Ne6]
30.Bxh5 b5 -0.24/25
[30...Bd3∓ -1.40/20 31.b3 b5]
31.cxb5 -0.69/23
[31.Bc5= -0.24/25 g6 *(31...bxc4 32.Re7=)* 32.Re7]
31...Qxd5∓
[31...Qxb5 32.Re7=]
32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Bc3 Qxb5 0.59/26
[33...Bxh3 34.Bf3 Qg5 *(34...Qxb5? 35.Re5+-)* 35.Re5∓]
[33...Be6∓ -0.86/22 34.Bf3 Qc4 *(34...Qxb5 35.Be4+ f5 36.Rxe6±)*]
34.Bxf7± Qd7 35.Bg8+ A strong pair of Bishops. **35...Kh6 36.Re5 a4 37.Rd5 Qe8 38.Rxf5 Qxg8±** Endgame.

(Diagram)

KQ-KRB **39.Rc5** 0.01/26
[Better is 39.Rf4!± 0.76/26]
39...Qd8 40.Be5 Qe7 1.44/27



[40...Qd2!= 0.16/25 remains equal.]



41.Rc6+! Kg5 42.f4+ Kf5 43.Rxc7 White is much more active.
[Of course not 43.Bxc7?! Qb4=]
43...Qb4 44.Rxg7 Ke4 45.Kh2 Qe1 46.Rg3 Kf5 47.h4 1.16/30
[White should try 47.Rg8 1.52/25]
47...Qe2 48.Rg5+ Ke4 49.h5 Qe1? 4.16/29
[49...Qa6± 1.22/26 keeps fighting. 50.Rg4 Ke3]
50.Rg3+- White wants to mate with h5-h6. **50...Qd1?** 8.19/28
[50...Qb4 3.70/28 51.Ra3 Qb5]
51.h6 Threatening mate with h6-h7.
51...Qd7 52.Rh3 h6-h7 would kill now.
52...Qh7 53.Rh4
[Stronger than 53.g4 Qd7=]
53...Kf5 54.Bg7 Ke4 55.Kg3 Kf5? 8.02/23
[55...Qg6+ 3.58/23 56.Kh2 Ke3]
56.Rh5+ Kg6 57.Kg4 Kf7 58.Rf5+ Ke6 59.Rf6+ Ke7 60.f5 Qg8 61.Kg5 Qd5 62.Kg6 And now g2-g4 would win.
62...Qxg2+ 63.Kh7 Qd5 64.Rf8 Kd7 65.Kh8 Qb3 66.h7 Qc4 67.f6 White threatens f6-f7 and mate. **67...Ke6 68.Kg8** White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

C50
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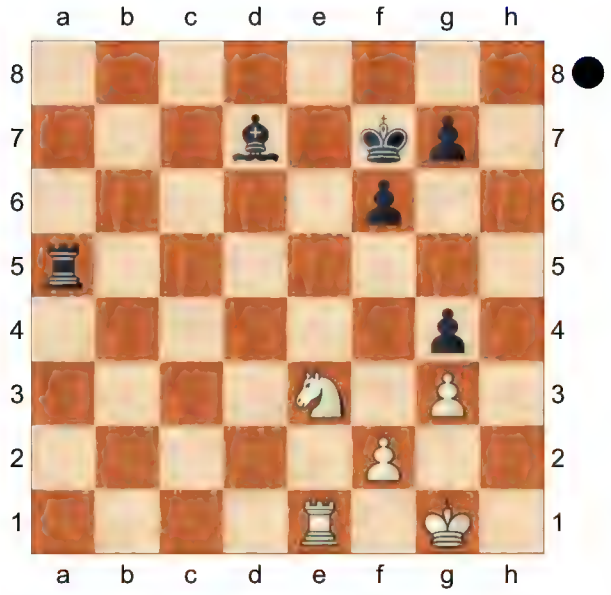
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2720**
Zagreb Superbet Blitz (2) 13.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

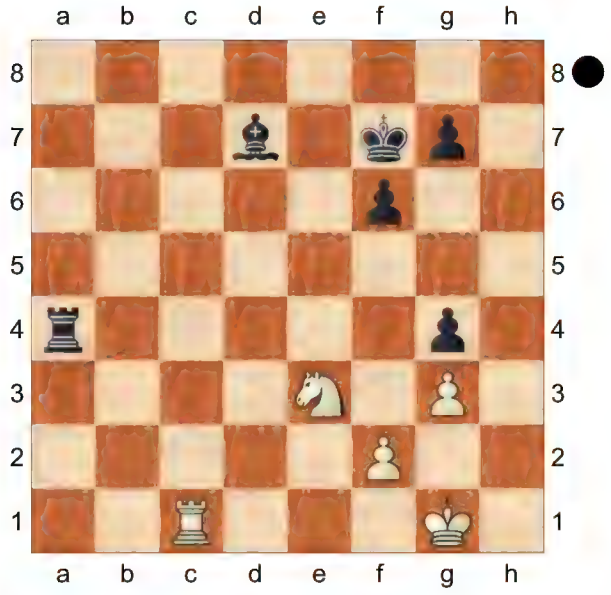
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5N
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.a4 Nb6 9.Bb3 a5 10.h3 Qd6 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Nb5 Bxb3 13.Nxd6+ Bxd6 14.cxb3 0-0 15.d4 Rad8 16.dxe5 Bb4 17.Bd2 Nxe5 18.Bxb4 Rxd1 19.Raxd1 Deschamps,Q (2632)-Lopez Ramirez,D (2436) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (8) 1-0 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 axb4 21.Re7 Rc8 22.a5 Kf8 23.Re4 Na8 24.Rd7 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 26.Rxg7 h5 Chigaev,M (2632)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late blitz 2023 (5) 0-1]
5.a4 d6 6.a5 a6 7.c3 h6 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Nbd2 Nf4 14.Ne4 -0.47/21
[14.Re1= 0.08/22]
14...b5∓ 15.Ba2 -0.92/21
[15.axb6∓ -0.33/21 cxb6 16.d4]
15...Nxd3 0.01/21
[15...Nxa5 16.Nxe5 Qe7 17.Bxf7+ Rxf7 18.Nxf7±]
[15...Qxd3∓ -0.92/21 16.Qxd3 Nxd3]
16.Qe2= Nf4
[16...Nxa5? 17.Rfd1+-]
17.Qe3 Ra8 18.Rad1 Qe7 19.Qc5 -0.73/20
[19.Nc5!= 0.01/20 remains equal.]
19...Qxc5!∓ 20.Nxc5 Re8 0.18/23
[20...Nxa5 21.Nxe5 Ne6 22.Bd5±]
[20...e4!∓ -0.54/23 21.Nd2 Nxa5]
21.Rfe1= b4 1.24/24
[21...e4= 0.01/22]
22.g3 0.61/25
[White should try 22.cxb4!± 1.24/24 Hoping for Ba2-b3. Nxb4 23.Bb3]
22...Nxh3+± 23.Kg2 Rb8! And now ... b4xc3 would win.
[23...Nxa5? 24.cxb4 *(24.Nxe5 b3=)* 24...e4 25.Nxe4+- *(25.bxa5 exf3+ 26.Kxf3 Ng5+ 27.Kf4 Nh3+ 28.Kf3 Ng5+ 29.Kf4 Ne6+ 30.Nxe6 Bxe6=; 25.Rxe4 Rxe4 26.Nxe4 Nb7±)*]
24.Bd5 Ne7 1.09/25
[24...Nxa5± 0.53/24 25.cxb4 c6 *(25...Rxb4 26.Nxe5 Rf8 27.Ncd7+-)*]
25.Rxe5± bxc3 26.bxc3 Strongly threatening Bd5-c6. **26...Kf8 27.Rde1** Threatens to win with Bd5-c6! White has more active pieces. **27...Rb2 28.Nd3** Really sharp! **28...Rb5 29.Bc4** 0.45/23
[29.c4± 1.44/24 Rxa5 30.Bxf7 Rxe5 31.Ndxe5 *(31.Nfxe5 Rd8=)*]
29...Rxe5± 30.Ndxe5 -0.13/24
[30.Rxe5± 0.61/25 Ng5 31.Nxg5 hxg5 32.Rc5]
30...f6= 31.Nd3 aiming for Nf3-d4. **31...Ng5 32.Nxg5 hxg5 33.Nb4** Prevents Ne7-c6. **33...Bb7+ 34.Kf1 Ra8 35.Re6** Prevents Ne7-c6 **35...Bc8 36.Re1 c5 37.Nd3 Nc6 38.Bd5** -0.48/26
[38.Ra1= 0.01/25 is more appropriate.]
38...Bh3+∓ 39.Kg1 Rd8 40.c4 Ne7 -0.04/24
[40...Nxa5 41.Kh2 Bf5 42.Nxc5]
[40...Nd4!∓ -0.62/25 41.Re3 *(41.Nxc5?* is the wrong capture. *Rxd5* Remove Defender *42.cxd5 Nf3+ 43.Kh1 Nxe1-+)* 41...Rc8]
41.Nxc5= Nxd5 42.cxd5 -0.98/25
[42.Rd1!= -0.27/25 keeps the balance.]

42...Rxd5∓ 43.Nxa6 Rxa5= Endgame. KRB-KRN **44.Nb4 Kf7 45.Nc2 Bf5** -0.49/24
[45...Bg4∓ -0.86/24]
46.Nd4 -0.88/24
[46.Ne3∓ -0.49/24 should be considered.]
46...Bd7 47.Nc2 g4 48.Ne3



Ra4! 49.Rc1



Bb5! Dodges Ne3-c4 **50.Kg2 Be2 51.Kg1 Bf3 52.Kf1 Ra8 53.Ke1 Ra2 54.Rc2 Ra1+ 55.Kd2 g5** -0.29/25
[55...Ra5∓ -0.92/23]
56.Rc1 Ra7 57.Rc5 Rd7+ 58.Kc1 Kg6 59.Rb5 Rd4 60.Rb6 Rd7 0.01/25
[60...Ra4∓ -0.40/27]
61.Rb2 -0.37/25
[61.Rb5!= 0.01/25]
61...Rc7+ 62.Rc2 Rh7 63.Kd2 Rh2 64.Kd3 Rh1 65.Kd4 Ra1 66.Rb2 Ra4+ 67.Kc3 Ra6 68.Kd4 Rd6+ 69.Kc5 Rd3 70.Kc4 Rd7 71.Kc5 Rd8 72.Kc4 Rc8+ 73.Kd4 Rc6 74.Nc4 Re6 75.Ne3 f5 76.Nc4 The position is equal. **76...Kf6 77.Rb6 Rxb6 78.Nxb6** KB-KN **78...f4 79.Nc4 Kf5 80.Nd6+ Ke6 81.Nc4 Be2** ...Be2xc4 would now be deadly. **82.Nd2 Kf5 83.Ne4 Bf3 84.Nd6+ Ke6 85.Nc4 Bb7 86.Nd2 Ba8 87.Nc4 Bc6 88.Nd2 Bb7 89.Nc4 Bc6 90.Nd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)
½-½

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[5.0-0 0-0 *(5...d6 6.Nc3 Na5 7.Bg5 c6 8.Na4 Nxc4 9.dxc4 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nxc5 dxc5 12.h3 g5 13.Qd3 g4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.Nh2 h5 16.Qe3 Qe7 17.Qg3 Be2 18.Rfe1 Bxc4 19.Qc3 Be6 20.Qxe5* Sindarov,J (2661)-Moroni,L (2535) Sharjah Masters 6th 2023 (8) 0-1*)* 6.h3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nbd2 Be6 9.Ne4 Bb6 10.b4 Ndxb4 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Rb1 h6 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Rxb4 a5 15.Rb1 Qh4 16.Qe2 Rad8 17.Kh2 Qe7 18.f4 Nd7 19.Rf3 Nf6 Giri,A (2772)-Tabatabaei,M (2623) Belgrade FIDE GP 2 Pool-B 2022 (1) 1-0]

5...d6 6.h3N

[6.Nc3 Nd4 7.h3 c6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ba2 a5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Ne2 Bb6 12.Ng3 Be6 13.Qf3 Qd7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3 Bxa2 16.Rxa2 d5 17.Raa1 Qe6 18.Rae1 dxe4 19.dxe4 a4 20.Rd1 Rad8 Mendez Fortes,E (2646)-Mohandesi,S (2626) (ch) 118/(56) 2013 (1.1) ½-½ 21.Qc5 b5 22.Qb6 Rd7 23.Rxd7 Mamedov,R (2646)-Ragger,M (2626) FRA-chT Top 16 GpA 2023 (1.1) ½-½]

6...0-0 7.Nc3 a6 8.Bg5 The position is equal. **8...Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.Bxd5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bg3 Nh5** 0.69/20

[13...Qd7= 0.08/19]

14.c3 0.15/19

[Better is 14.h4± 0.69/20 Nxg3 15.fxg3]

14...f5 15.exf5 Threatening h3-h4. **15...Qf6 16.Qa4** -0.01/21

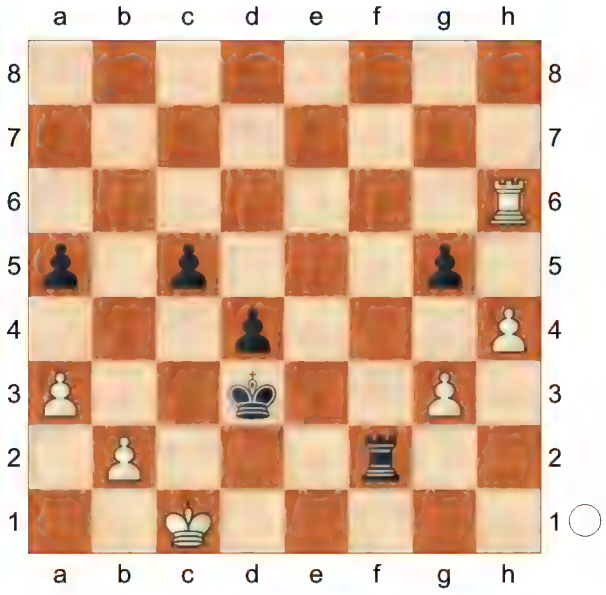
[16.Bh2!± 0.37/20]

16...Qxf5= Active counter play! **17.0-0-0 Nf4 18.Bxf4** -0.64/22

[18.d4± 0.34/22 exd4 *(18...Nxg2? too greedy. 19.dxc5 Qxf3 20.cxd6+-)* 19.cxd4]

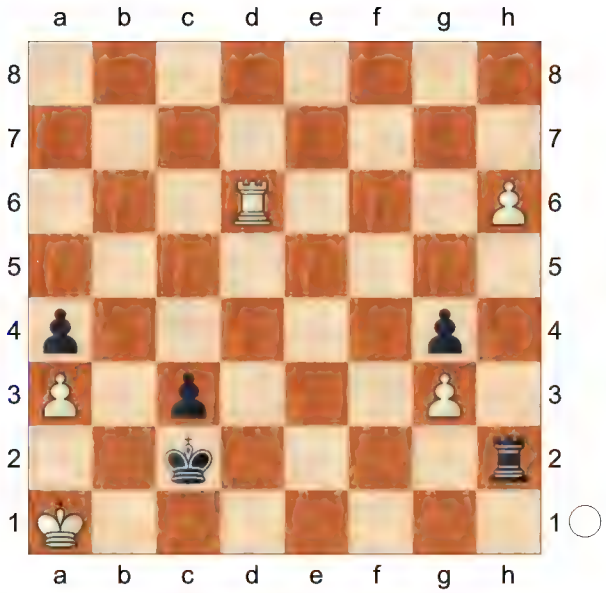
18...Qxf4+∓ 19.Qxf4 Rxf4 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 Bb6 22.Rhe1 Raf8 23.Re6 Kg7 24.Rd3 c5 25.dxc5 Bxc5 26.Rd2 R8f6 27.Re7+ Rf7 28.Rxf7+ Kxf7 Endgame. KRB-KRN **29.Kd1 a5**

30.Ke2 -1.26/23
[30.Re2∓ -0.70/24]
30...Ke6∓ 31.g3 -1.36/23
[⌓31.Kd3 -0.95/22]
31...Rf8 32.Nd4+ Bxd4 33.Rxd4 KR-KR **33...c5 34.Rd2** -2.58/24
Now White is beyond hope.
[34.Rd3∓ -1.19/23]
34...d5-+ 35.Ke3 Rb8 36.Kd3 Rb3+ 37.Kc2 Rf3 38.Re2+ Kd6 39.Kc1 d4 40.Re8 Rxf2 41.Rh8 -4.36/25
[⌓41.Ra8 -3.05/22]
41...Kd5 42.Rxh6 Kc4 43.h4 -6.46/22
[⌓43.Rg6 -4.02/24 d3 *(43...Kd3? 44.Kb1-+)* 44.Rb6]
43...Kd3



44.Kb1 g4 45.Rg6 c4 Strongly threatening ...Kd3-e3. **46.h5 Rh2 47.h6 a4 48.Ka1 c3** -4.39/24
[⌓48...Kc2 -15.81/26 (-> ...d4-d3) 49.Rc6 c3]
49.bxc3 dxc3
[49...Kxc3 50.Rc6+ Kd2 *(50...Kb3 51.Rb6+ Kc3 52.Rc6+ Kd2 53.Rb6-+)* 51.Rb6 Rh1+ 52.Kb2]
50.Rd6+ Kc2

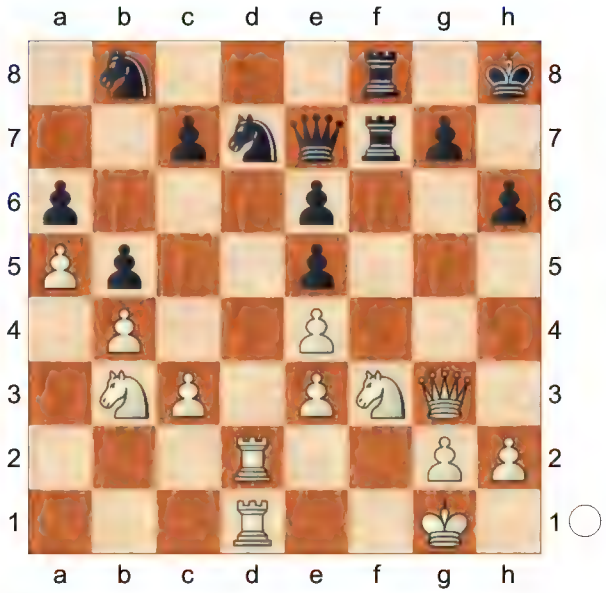
(Diagram)



White must now prevent ...Kc2-c1.
51.Ka2 Kc1+? -2.34/5
[51...Rh5 -10.32/34 52.Rf6 Kd1 53.Rf1+ Kd2]
52.Ka1 c2 -4.46/25
[⌓52...Rh3 -10.32/32 53.Rg6 c2 *(53...Rxg3 54.h7-+)*]
53.Ka2 Rh3 54.Rf6 -7.97/30
[⌓54.Rg6 -4.82/28 Rh1 *(54...Rxg3 55.h7=)* 55.Rd6]
54...Rxg3 55.Rf1+ Kd2 56.Rf2+ Kc3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/ Black=0.50
0-1

C50
□ **Wei,Yi** 2762
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** 2655
FIDE World Rapid Team (10.14) 04.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

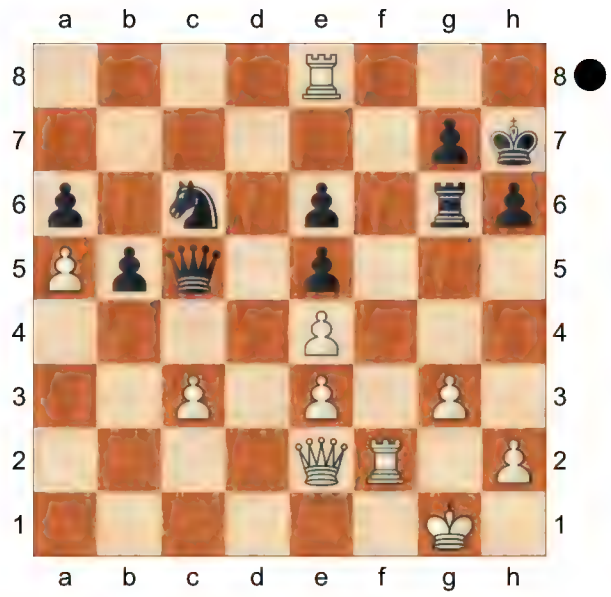
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.a4 Nf6 6.a5 a6 7.c3 h6 8.0-0 The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.b4N** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[9.h3 Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2 Alekseenko,K (2698)-Gledura,B (2652) chess.com (Int.-rapid) 152/77 2022 1-0 24.Re5 Qg6 25.Qg3 Qxb1 Brodsky,M (2686)-Behrmann (2544) cor 1980 (2) 0-1]
9...Ba7 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 Be6 0.35/20
[11...b5= -0.05/18 might be stronger. 12.axb6 cxb6]
12.Bxe6± fxe6 13.Nbd2N
[Vorgänger: 13.h3]
13...d5 14.Qb3 Kh8 0.48/18
[14...dxe4= -0.01/21 15.dxe4 *(15.Qxe6+ Kh7=; 15.Nxe4 Qxd3 16.Nc5 Qd5=)* 15...Qd3]
15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Qb1 dxe4 17.dxe4 0.15/21
[17.Nh4± 0.56/21 Qe8 18.Nxe4 *(18.dxe4 Ne7=)*]
17...b5 0.73/21
[17...b6= 0.15/21 remains equal.]
18.Nb3± Nd7! Prevents Nb3-c5 **19.Rd2** 0.22/21
[19.Qc2± 0.66/21]
19...Rae8 0.89/21
[19...Rac8= 0.22/21]
20.Qe1 Rf7 1.16/22
[20...Kh7± 0.62/23]
21.Qg3 Ref8 22.Rfd1 White is much more active. **22...Ncb8** 2.90/24
[22...Qe8± 1.28/25 is a better defense. 23.Rc1 Qa8]



This costs Black the game. **23.Nh4+-**
[23.Nxe5 Nxe5 24.Qxe5 Nc6=]
23...Rf6 24.Ng6+ Rxg6 25.Qxg6 Rf6 26.Qg3 Kh7 27.Rf2 Rg6 28.Qf3 Rf6 29.Qe2 Rg6 30.g3 c5 31.bxc5 2.31/21
[⌓31.c4 3.90/22]
31...Nxc5? 6.17/22
[31...Nf6 2.31/21 32.Qd3 Qb7]
32.Nxc5 Qxc5 33.Rd8 Nc6 34.Re8

(Diagram)

Rf2-f8 is the strong threat. **34...Nxa5 35.Rff8 Rg5 36.Rh8+** 8.00/5
[⌓36.Qf3 #13/21 Qxf8 37.Qxf8 Nc4 38.h4 *(38.Rxe6 Nd2+-; 38.Qg8+ Kg6 39.Qxe6+ Kh5 40.Qf7+ g6 41.Qf3+ Rg4 42.h3* Pin *Kg5 43.hxg4 h5)* 38...Rxg3+ 39.Kf2 Nd2 40.Kxg3 Nxe4+ 41.Kh3]



36...Kg6 37.Rxe6+ Kf7 38.Rhe8
21.69/24
[⌓38.Rxa6 #14/21 Nc6 39.Rc8 Rg6 40.Qf3+ Rf6 41.Qh5+ *(41.Rcxc6 Qxc6 42.Qh5+ g6+-)* 41...g6 42.Qxh6 *(42.Rc7+ Ke8+-)* 42...Re6 43.Qh7+ Kf6 44.Ra2 *(44.Qh8+ Kf7 45.Qg8+ Kf6 46.Rf8+ Qxf8 47.Qxf8+ Kg5 48.Qh8 Kg4 49.Kg2 g5 50.Qh3#)*]
38...Rg6 White is clearly winning.
39.Qf3+ Rf6 40.Qh5+ g6 41.Rxf6+
[Worse is 41.Qxh6 Rxe6 42.Ra8 Re8= *(42...Qxc3 43.Qf8#; 42...Qxc3 43.Qf8#)*]
[41.Qxe5 Qxe3+ 42.Kg2 Rf2+ 43.Kh3 Rxh2+ Decoy 44.Kxh2 Qe2+ 45.Kg1 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 Qf3+ 47.Kg1 Qe3+ 48.Kf1 Qd3+ 49.Ke1 Qe3+ 50.Kf1=]
41...Kxf6 42.Qf3+ Kg7 43.Re6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.68
1-0

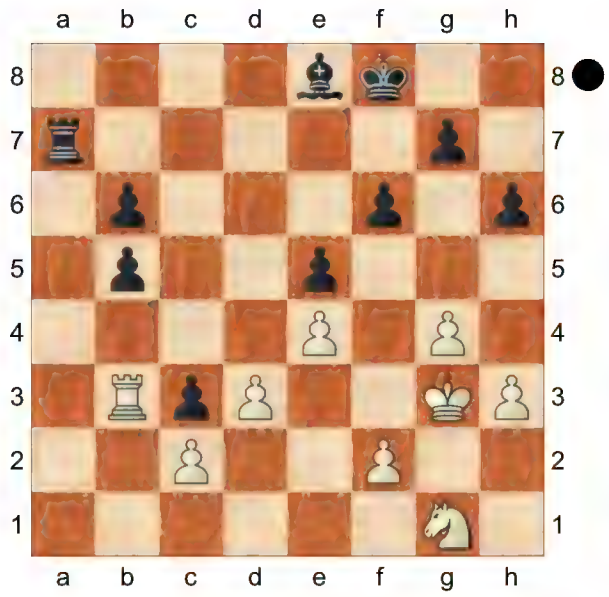
C50

□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2674**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2711**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 d6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Ba7 12.Rc1 0-0 13.h3 Re8 14.0-0 Rxe4 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Bb1 g6 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bd7 20.Qf4 Be6 Safarli,E (2612)-Niemann,H (2667) Al Cup Div 2 L rapid 2023 (1.2) 1-0]
6...d6 6...d6 scores better than 6...Bxe3. 6...d6 punktet besser als 6...Lxe3.
7.Bxc5N 7.h3 is not played anymore. 7.h3 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt.
[7.h3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 Na5 9.Bb3 0-0 10.0-0 Nxb3 11.axb3 d5 12.Nxe5 dxe4 13.d4 Nd5 14.Rxf7 Rxf7 15.Nxf7 Nxc3 16.Nxd8 Nxd1 17.Rxd1 a5 18.Rf1 a4 19.bxa4 Rxa4 20.Rf7 Rc4 21.c3 b5 Short,N (2686)-Stefanova,A (2550) 4NCL West Bromwich ENG 2003 (11.2) 1-0]
[7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.h3 Re8 10.Bxc5 dxc5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Ne7 13.Bc4 Ng6 14.Kh2 Nh4 15.Ne1 Be6 16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.g3 Ng6 18.Ng2 Qd6 19.Ne3 Ne7 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 f5 Idani,P (2633)-Maurizzi,M (2555) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (10) 1-0]
[7.Qd2 Bg4 8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.Ng5 Bh5 10.f3 h6 11.Nh3 Nd4 12.Qf2 g5 13.Nd1 b5 14.Bb3 Qd6 15.Ne3 Bg6 16.0-0 0-0 17.Kh1 Rad8 18.Qd2 Kh7 19.Rad1 Qb6 20.Nf2 c4 21.c3 cxb3 Mason,J-Bird,H London IT 1899 (2) 1-0]
7...dxc5 8.0-0 Qd6 9.Nd5 0-0 10.a3N
[Vorgänger: 10.h3 -0.36/20 10.Nf3-d2 0.00 Ne7 0.28/19 *(10...Nxd5∓ -0.36/20 11.exd5 Na5)* 11.Nxe7+ Qxe7 Ljuboschiz,A (2234)-Gruzmann,B (2309) EU-ch Seniors 07th 2007 (7) ½-½]
10...Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Ne7 12.Ba2 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 Bg6 15.Nd2 -0.18/19
[15.h4 0.20/19 might be stronger.]
15...b5 0.18/21
[15...Rad8 -0.18/19 deserves consideration.]
16.Qe1 Kh8 17.Qe3 Nc6! 18.Rac1 -0.01/21
[18.c3± 0.37/20 should be considered.]
18...f6 19.Bd5 Rad8 20.Bxc6 Qxc6 21.b3 Bf7 22.Nf3 Rfe8 23.Rfd1 h6 24.Kh2 c4 25.b4 Rd7 26.Kg3 Red8 27.Rd2 Qb6 0.01/26
[27...cxd3∓ -0.62/21 28.Rxd3 Bg6]
28.Qxb6= cxb6 29.Rcd1 c3 30.Re2 a5 31.Rb1 Black must now prevent b4xa5. **31...Ra8 32.Ree1 Kg8 33.Red1 Ba2 34.Ra1 Bf7 35.Rab1 Ba2 36.Ra1 Bf7↑** Black has good play. **37.Rdb1 Kf8 38.bxa5 Rxa5 39.Rb4 Rda7 40.Rab1 Be8 41.R4b3** -0.61/24
[41.d4= -0.01/25]
41...Rxa3∓ aiming for ...Ra7-a4. **42.Ng1** -1.33/22
[42.d4!∓ -0.65/26]
42...Rxb3 43.Rxb3∓ Endgame.

(Diagram)

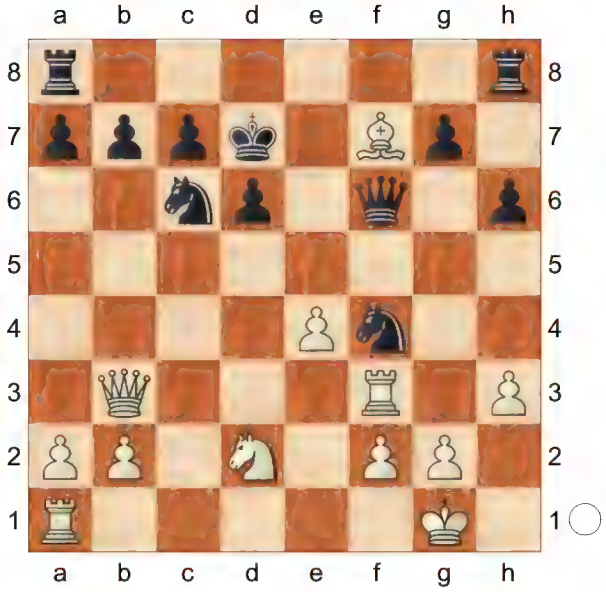
KRB-KRN **43...b4! 44.Rxb4 Ra2 45.Rxb6 Rxc2** ...Rc2-b2 is the strong threat. **46.Rb8 Rd2** -0.01/26



[Better is 46...Ke7∓ -1.15/24
Hoping for ...Rc2-d2. 47.Kf3 Rb2]
47.Rc8= The position is equal.
47...Rxd3+ 48.f3 Ke7 49.Ne2 Bd7 50.Rxc3 Rd2 51.Re3 Bb5 52.Nc3 Bc4 53.Re1 Rc2 54.Nd1 Rc1 55.Kf2! Rc2+ 56.Kg3 Rc1 And now ...Bc4-b3 would win. **57.Kf2!**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin 2718**
■ **Radjabov,Teimour 2700**
Moscow Stars Blitz (9) 01.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Bb6 is recently more successful than 6...Nf6.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...Sf6. **7.Re1!?** Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1]
7...Nge7 **8.d4N** The position is equal.
[Vorgänger: 8.a4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ng6 10.Bb3 -0.19/19 *(⌓10.b4 0.28/19 a6 11.Bd5)* 10...Kh8= 11.Nc4 Na5 0.40/21 *(11...f5= -0.08/21)* 12.Nxb6 -0.70/23 *(12.Nxa5± 0.40/21 Bxa5 13.d4)* 12...Nxb3∓ 13.Qxb3 axb6 14.Be3 Caruana,F (2805)-Hakobyan,A (2617) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W rapid 2024 (1.1) ½-½]
[8.b4 Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 22.g3 Qg5 Mcnutt,W (2072)-Rossolimo Nicolas (1921) Cup-8 corr BdF 1974 (2) 1-0 23.Kh1 Nh5 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.Nxd3 b6 26.Qf2 Nc8 27.Rd1 Ra8 28.axb6 cxb6 29.Nd2 Nf6 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.f4 exf4 32.Nxf4 Nf8 33.Qf3 Ra7 34.e5 Rf7 35.Qe4 b5 36.Nd6 Nxd6 37.exd6 Rd7 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) 1-0]
8...Ng6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.cxd4 Bxd4? 3.27/22 **12.Qb3+- Bxe3 13.Bxf7+ Kd7 14.Rxe3**
[14.Bxg6 Bxd2 15.Nxd2 Qf6=]
14...Qf6 15.h3 2.06/22
[⌓15.Bxg6 3.54/20 Qxg6 16.Qxb7]
15...Bxf3 16.Rxf3 0.91/23
[16.Nxf3+- 2.01/21 has better winning chances. Bf7xg6! would now be deadly. Rab8 17.Bxg6 Qxg6 18.Rd1]
16...Nf4±



17.Rxf4! 0.15/21 **Qxf4= 18.Be6+ Ke7 19.Nf3** Prevents Nc6-d4. aiming for Be6-f5. **19...Ne5** 0.78/21
[19...Na5= -0.01/21 20.Qd5 c6 21.Qxa5 Kxe6]
20.Nd4± The board is on fire. **20...Rhe8** 2.39/22
[20...Qxe4± 0.93/21 21.Rd1 Rab8]
21.Bf5+- Threatens to win with Nd4-e6!
[21.Qxb7 Kf6±]
21...Kf8 22.Ne6+? 0.14/20

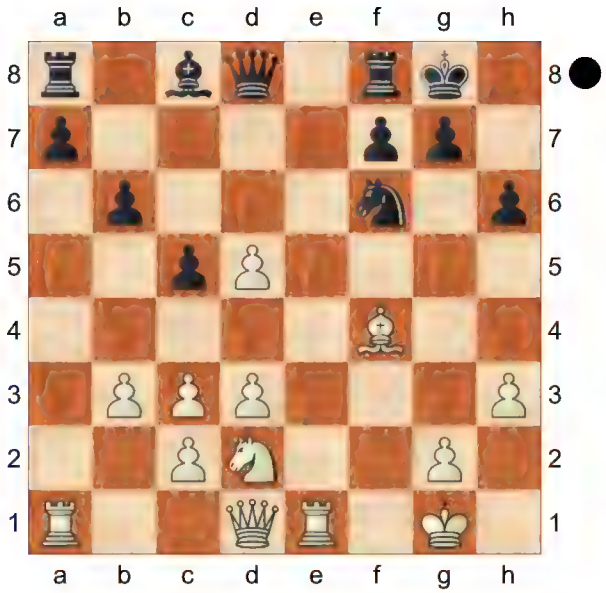
[22.Qxb7+- 2.05/21 Qd2 23.Ne6+ Rxe6 24.Bxe6 *(24.Qxa8+ Re8±)*]
22...Rxe6!= 23.Qxe6 -0.42/20
[23.Bxe6= 0.11/21 Re8 24.Re1]
23...Re8∓ 24.Qb3 b6 -0.01/20
[24...g6∓ -0.52/19 25.Be6 b6 *(25...Qxe4 26.Bd5=)*]
25.g3 Qd2 26.f4 Nd3 27.Rf1 -1.84/24
Wards off Qd2-f2+. White is weak on the dark squares
[27.Bg6!= -0.01/26 Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ *(28...Nxb2 29.Qf7#)* 29.Kh2 Qe2+ 30.Kg1 Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qf3+ *(31...Nxb2 32.Qf7#)* 32.Kh2 Qf2+ 33.Kh1]
27...Qe3+ -1.38/27
[27...Nxb2 28.Bg6 Qd4+ 29.Rf2±]
[27...Nc5-+ -1.84/24 28.Qf3 Nxe4 Decoy *(28...Qxb2 29.Bg6∓)* 29.Bxe4 Qd4+ *(29...Qxb2? 30.Bg6+-)* 30.Rf2 Rxe4 *(30...Qxe4? 31.Kg2-+)*]
28.Kg2 Hoping for Bf5-g6. **28...Qe2+ 29.Kg1 Re7?** 1.16/25
[29...Nxb2 30.Bg4 Qd3 31.Qxb2±]
[29...Nc5!∓ -1.32/26 and life is bright. 30.Qf3 Qxf3 Remove Defender *(30...Qxb2 31.Bg6∓)* 31.Rxf3 Nxe4]
30.e5!± Qe3+ 4.30/26
[30...Nc5± 0.91/23 is a better chance. 31.Qd5 Qh5]
31.Kg2? -0.68/26
[White must play 31.Kh1+- 4.30/26]
31...Qd2+ -0.01/25
[Black should try 31...Ne1+!∓ -0.68/26 32.Rxe1 *(32.Kh1? Qe2-+)* 32...Qxe1]
32.Kg1 Nc5 1.90/24
[32...Nxb2 33.Bc2 Qd4+ 34.Kh1]
[32...Qe3+!= -0.01/22 33.Kh1 Nf2+ 34.Kg2 Qxb3 Remove Defender 35.axb3 dxe5 36.fxe5 *(36.Kxf2 exf4 37.gxf4 Rf7+-; 36.Rxf2 exf4 37.gxf4 Re3+-)* 36...Rxe5]
33.Qf3+- Qxb2? 3.48/25
[33...dxe5? 34.fxe5 Qd4+ *(34...Qxb2 35.Bg6+ Kg8 36.Qf8#)* 35.Kh1+-]
[33...Qd4+± 1.55/21 was necessary. 34.Kh1 Qc4 *(34...dxe5? 35.fxe5 Rf7 36.Rd1+-)*]
34.h4? -0.01/23
[34.Qa8++- 3.48/25 Re8 35.Qd5]
34...Qd4+ 0.91/22
[34...Qxa2 35.Bg6 d5 36.f5]
[34...dxe5= -0.01/23 35.fxe5 Rf7 *(35...Rxe5? 36.Be4+ Ke7 37.Qf7+ Kd6 38.Rd1++-)*]
35.Kh2 0.41/21
[White should play 35.Kg2± 0.91/22]
35...Re8? 1.92/21
[35...d5!± 0.41/21]
36.Bg6 Rf1-d1 is the strong threat.
36...Rd8 37.Qg4? -0.01/23
[37.Kh3+- 1.72/21]
37...Kg8 38.exd6 -0.41/23
[38.Rd1= 0.01/22 deserves consideration. Qe3 39.exd6 cxd6 40.Rxd6 Qf2+ 41.Kh3 Qf1+ 42.Kh2]
38...cxd6 0.01/22
[38...Qxd6∓ -0.41/23 39.Re1 Nd7]
39.Re1? -8.89/20
[39.Rd1= 0.01/22 Qf6 40.Rd5]
39...Qf6? 0.01/24
[Better is 39...Qf2+-+ -8.89/20 40.Kh3 Qxe1]
40.h5→ White mounts an attack. **40...d5 41.Qe2 d4** next ...d4-d3 is good for Black.
[41...Ne4 simplifies 42.a4 Kh8 43.Bxe4 dxe4 44.Qxe4 Qf7]
42.Qc4+ Kf8? 7.69/23
[42...Kh8= -0.01/23]
43.Re5 d3 44.Rf5 Qxf5 45.Bxf5 d2 46.Bg4 d1Q 47.Bxd1 Rxd1+- Endgame. KQ-KRN **48.Kh3 Rd7 49.Qc3 Re7 50.Qd4 Rd7 51.Qe5 Re7**

52.Qf5+ Kg8 53.Qc8+ Kf7 54.Qc6 Nd7 55.Qc4+ Kf8 56.g4
[56.Qc8+ Kf7 57.g4 *(57.Qc4+ Kf8+-)* 57...Re3+ 58.Kh2 Nf6]
56...Nc5 57.Qd5 Rd7 58.Qf5+ Rf7 59.Qc8+ Ke7 60.g5 Ne6 5.41/23
[⌓60...hxg5 3.64/23 61.Qc7+ Skewer *(61.fxg5 Ne6+-)* 61...Nd7 62.fxg5 *(62.Qxa7 Rxf4 63.Qa3+ Kd8±)* 62...Rf5]
61.Qb7+ White is clearly winning.
61...Ke8 62.Qb8+ Ke7 63.Qxa7+ Ke8 64.Qb8+
[64.Qxb6 Nxf4+ 65.Kg4 hxg5+-]
64...Ke7 65.Qb7+
[Not 65.Qxb6 hxg5 66.Qb4+ Kf6+-]
65...Ke8 66.Qc8+ Ke7 67.gxh6 gxh6 68.Qb7+ Kf8 69.Qxb6 Nxf4+ 70.Kg4 Nd5 71.Qd8+ Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.67
1-0

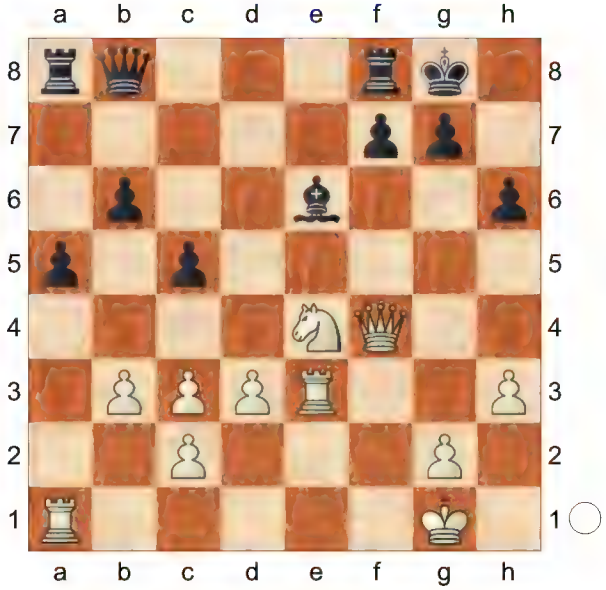
C50
□ **So,Wesley** 2757
■ **Aronian,Levon** 2730
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (5.3)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
These types of mistakes are not the sole domain of amateurs. Sometimes strong players show a disregard of correct central strategy, as in this example. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Nc3 h6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Re1 d6** The position is equal.
11.h3N
[11.Rb1 Na5 12.Bb3 Nxb3 13.Rxb3 b6 14.c4 Be6 15.Nd2 Ng4 16.d4 Nxe3 17.fxe3 f5 18.d5 Bd7 19.exf5 Rxf5 20.Rf1 Rxf1+ 21.Nxf1 Qh4 22.Qe2 Rf8 23.Ng3 Be8 24.e4 Bg6 25.Ra3 a5 Bernstein,S-Reshevsky,S US-ch New York 1940 (6) 0-1 26.Rf3 Rf4 27.Qf1 Qg5 28.Qc1 Qg4 29.h3 Qh4 30.Kh2 h5 31.a3 Qf6 32.Qf1 Qg5 33.Qc1 Qh6 34.Kg1 h4 35.Rxf4 Qxf4 36.Qxf4 exf4 37.Ne2 Bxe4 38.Nd4 Kf7 39.Nb5 Bxc2 40.Nxc7 Bd3 Bernstein,S-Reshevsky,S US-ch New York 1940 (6) 0-1 41.Na8 b5 42.cxb5 Bxb5 43.Kf2 Kf6 44.Nb6 Ba6 45.Kf3 Kf5 46.Na8 Bd3 47.Nb6 g5 48.a4 Ba6 49.Na8 Bc4 50.Nb6 Bb3 51.Kf2 Ke4 Berntsson-Bjurulf My System Page 1920 1-0]
11...Na5 12.Bb3 c5 13.Nd2 b6 14.f4 exf4! 15.Bxf4 d5 16.exd5 -0.01/22
[16.Qf3± 0.66/20]
16...Nxb3= 17.axb3

(Diagram)



Strongly threatening c3-c4. **17...Nxd5 18.Qf3 Nxf4 19.Qxf4 Be6 20.Re3 a5** 0.56/22
[20...Qb8= 0.20/21 21.Qxb8 Rfxb8]
21.Ne4± Qb8 0.97/22
[21...Kh7± 0.56/21 was preferrable.]



22.Qh4 0.01/21 White has more active pieces.
[22.Nf6+!± 0.97/22 Kh8 23.Nh5]
22...Qd8 0.45/22
[22...Qe5= 0.01/21]
23.Qf4 0.01/19

[23.Qg3± 0.45/22 might be stronger.]
23...Qb8!= **24.Nf6+** Deflection
24...gxf6? 4.23/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[24...Kh8± 0.90/22 25.Re5 Rd8]
25.Qxh6+- **Bf5?** 13.86/23
[25...Re8 3.33/21]
26.Rf1 5.16/24
[⌓26.Ra4 13.86/23 Intending Ra4-h4! and mate. Qe5 27.Rh4 *(27.Rxe5 fxe5 28.Rh4 f6+-)* 27...Qxe3+ 28.Qxe3]
26...Bg6 27.Rf4 Qxf4 28.Qxf4 b5 29.Qxf6 a4 30.Re1 a3 31.h4 Rfe8 32.Ra1 Re2 6.39/24
[⌓32...Bh7 4.12/20 33.Qg5+ Kh8 34.Qxc5 Rad8 35.Qxb5 *(35.Qxa3 Rd5+-)* 35...Re7]
33.Qf3 Rae8 34.h5 Re1+? 8.02/23
[34...Bxh5 3.91/22 35.Qxh5 Re1+ 36.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 37.Kf2 a2 38.Kxe1 a1Q+ 39.Kd2 Qg1]
35.Rxe1 White is clearly winning.
35...Rxe1+ 36.Kf2 Be4 37.Qg4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/ Black=0.64
1-0

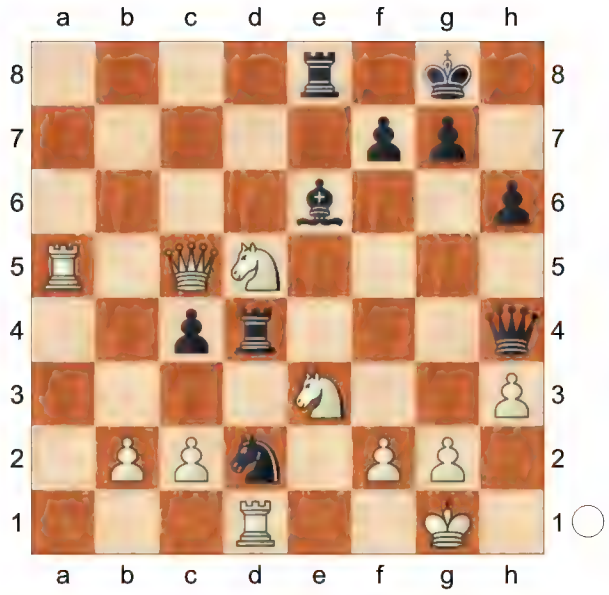
C50

□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2704**
■ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2805**
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

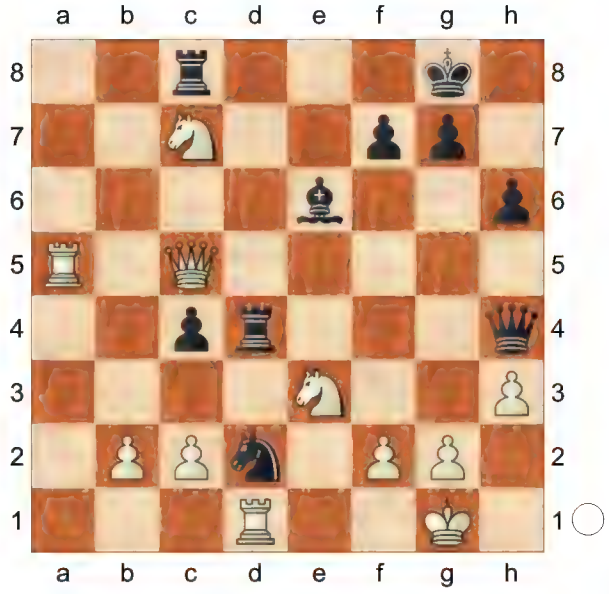
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.h3 d6
[5...0-0 6.Nc3 Na5 7.a3 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Qd3 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.f4 exf4 15.Ne2 c6 16.b4 Be3 17.Rf1 Kg6 18.h4 Bxc4 19.Qxc4 d5 20.Qb3 Firouzja,A (2778)-Aronian,L (2759) Saint Louis 154/106 2022 1-0]
6.a3N
[6.Nc3 a6 *(6...Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 c6 9.Na4 Bb4+ 10.Bd2 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 0-0 12.Qg5 h6 13.Qh4 Qa5+ 14.Ke2 Qc7 15.g4 Nh7 16.Rhg1 f6 17.Qg3 Rf7 18.Nc3 d5 19.h4 d4 20.Nb1 g5 21.Nbd2* Perez Rodrigo,A-Voboril,P Chapter 4 (6) (9) 0-1*)* 7.a3 Ba7 8.Be3 h6 9.d4 0-0 10.0-0 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Re8 14.f4 b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Rae1 c5 17.Qd3 Qb6 18.Kh2 c4 19.Qf3 Qd4 20.Rd1 Qc5 Dardha,D (2609)-Yurasova,D (2048) Titled Tuesday intern op 22nd Nov Early blitz 2022 (2) 1-0]
[6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nc3 Be6 8.Bb3 Qd7 9.Qd2 Ne7 10.Rd1 Ng6 11.Ne2 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nxd5 14.0-0 f5 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.d4 e4 17.Ne5 Qd6 18.c4 Nf6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 20.a3 Kf7 Antao,J-Moses,K NLD-chT 1993 (1.2) ½-½]
6...a5 7.Be3 0-0 8.Bxc5 dxc5 9.Nc3 Be6 0.62/22
[Better is 9...Qe7= 0.05/20]
10.Bb5!± And now Bb5xc6 would win.
10...Nd4 11.Nxe5 Qd6 12.Nc4 Qf4 ...c7-c6 is the strong threat. **13.Ne3! Rad8 14.a4 c6** 0.55/21
[14...Qh4= 0.15/22]
15.Bc4 b5 1.12/23 **16.axb5** 0.58/23
[16.Bxe6± 1.12/23 fxe6 17.0-0]
16...cxb5
[16...Bxc4 17.Nxc4 cxb5 18.Nxa5±]
17.Bxb5 Nxb5 18.Nxb5 Nb5-c3! would now be deadly. **18...Qb8 19.Rxa5 Nxe4** 1.94/21
[19...c4± 1.26/22 was necessary.]
20.0-0 1.19/22
[20.Qc1+- 1.94/21 Bd7 21.dxe4 Bxb5 22.c4]
20...c4± 21.d4 Hoping for d4-d5.
[21.Nxc4 Bxc4 22.Na3 Be6-+]
21...Qb6 22.Qa1 h6 1.53/20
[⌓22...Bxh3 1.06/21 23.gxh3 Nd2]
23.Qa3 Rfe8 24.Nc3 Nd2 1.79/22
[24...Rxd4± 1.22/24 was called for. 25.Ra8 Qc6]
25.Rd1+- Rxd4 26.Qc5 Qd8 27.Ncd5 0.62/26
[27.Rda1+- 1.79/23 aiming for Ra5-a8! Ne4 28.Nxe4 Rxe4 29.Qc6]
27...Qh4

(Diagram)

28.Nc7! Excellent horsemanship.
[28.f4 is a self mate. Nf3+ 29.gxf3 Rxd1+ *(29...Qg3+* gets mated. *30.Kh1 Rxd1+* Deflection *31.Nxd1 Bxd5 32.Qf8+ Kxf8 33.Ne3 Bxf3+ 34.Ng2 Qxg2#)* 30.Nxd1 Qg3+ *(30...Qxh3? 31.Qf2+-)* 31.Kh1 Bxd5 *(31...Bxh3 32.N1e3=; 31...Bxh3 32.N1e3=)*]
28...Rc8 1.43/23
[Black should play 28...Red8 0.79/25



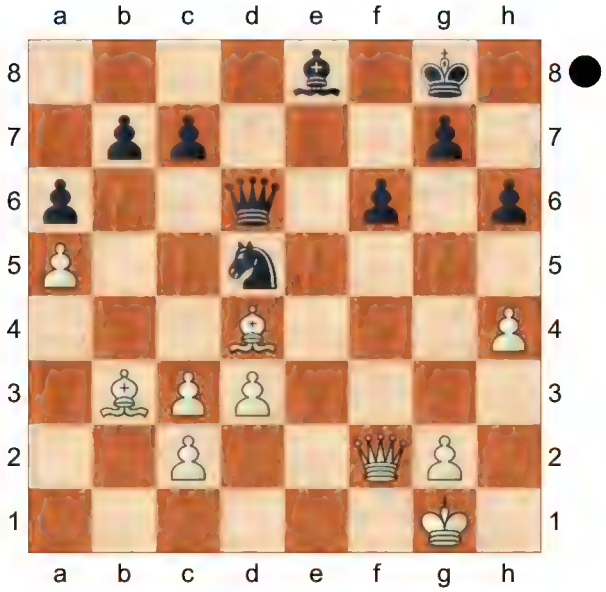
29.Nxe6 fxe6 *(29...Nf3+? 30.gxf3 Rxd1+ 31.Kg2+-)*]



29.Nxe6 0.01/25
[29.Qe5!± 1.43/23 Re4 30.Qc3 Rxc7 31.Rxd2]
29...Rxc5= The position is equal.
30.Ra8+ Kh7 31.Nf8+ Kg8 32.Ne6+ Kh7 33.Nf8+ Kg8 34.Ne6+
Black escapes into a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2676**
■ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2648**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (3.8) 13.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 d6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Ba7 12.Rc1 0-0 13.h3 Re8 14.0-0 Rxe4 15.Bd3 Re8 16.Bb1 g6 17.Qd2 Kg7 18.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Bd7 20.Qf4 Be6 Safarli,E (2612)-Niemann,H (2667) AI Cup Div 2 L rapid 2023 (1.2) 1-0]
6...Bb4N 0.38/19
[6...Bxe3= 0.00/20 7.fxe3 b5 *(7...d6 8.Ng5 0-0 9.0-0 h6 10.Nxf7 Rxf7 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Nd5 Kg6 13.Rxf6+ gxf6 14.Qf3 Be6 15.Rf1 Bxd5 16.exd5 Ne7 17.Qxf6+ Kh7 18.Qe6* Bartel,M (2596)-Dziuba,M (2525) 100/(300) Dresden 2007 *)*]
[6...d6 7.a4 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.h3 Re8 10.Bxc5 dxc5 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Ne7 13.Bc4 Ng6 14.Kh2 Nh4 15.Ne1 Be6 16.Bxe6 Rxe6 17.g3 Ng6 18.Ng2 Qd6 19.Ne3 Ne7 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 Idani,P (2633)-Maurizzi,M (2555) FIDE Grand Swiss 2023 (10) 1-0]
7.0-0± Bxc3 8.bxc3 White has an edge. **8...d6 9.Ng5 0-0 10.f4 h6 11.Nf3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.fxe5 Rxe5 16.Bd4** This pair of bishops is nice. **16...Rg5 17.h4! Rf5** 1.06/22
[17...Rg6± 0.69/22]
18.Rxf5 Bxf5 19.Qf3 Be6 20.a4 f6 21.a5 0.36/22
[21.Rb1± 0.75/21]
21...Qd6 0.74/22
[21...c6± 0.36/22]
22.Rb1 Rb8 23.Qf2 0.33/22
[23.Bb3± 0.84/22]
23...Bf7 24.Re1 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Bxe8 26.Bb3
[26.Qf5 looks sharper. Bc6 27.Bf2 Kh8 28.Qc8+]



aiming for c3-c4. **26...Bf7 27.Qf3 c6 28.Qg4 Qe7 29.Kf2 Be6 30.Qg3 c5 31.c4 Nb4 32.Be3 Nc6 33.Bxh6 Nxa5 34.Ba4 Nc6 35.Bxc6 bxc6** Endgame. KQB-KQB **36.Be3 Bf7 37.Ke2 Bh5+ 38.Kd2 Qd8 39.Kc1**
[39.Bxc5? is the wrong capture. Qa5+ 40.Kc1 Qxc5-+]
39...Kh7 40.Bxc5 Qa5 41.Bd4 Qb4 42.Qe3 a5 43.Bc5 0.34/25
[White should try 43.g4± 0.83/22 Bxg4 44.Qe4+ f5 45.Qxc6]
43...Qc3 44.Bd4 0.01/24
[44.Qe4+± 0.41/21 Bg6 45.Qd4 *(45.Qxc6 Bxd3 46.Qa4 Bxc4=)* 45...Qxd4 46.Bxd4]
44...Qa3+ 0.60/24
[44...Qb4!= 0.01/24]

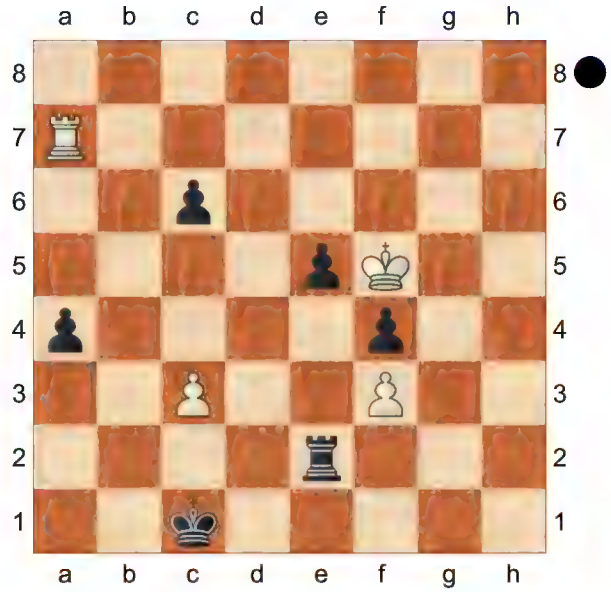
45.Kd2 Qd6 46.Bc5 Qd7 47.Qe4+ Kg8 48.Kc3 Kf7 49.Qh7 Qg4 50.Qh8 Qe2 51.Qf8+ 0.24/24
[51.Bf8± 0.72/23]
51...Kg6= 52.Qb8 Kh7
[52...Qe1+ simplifies 53.Kb2 Qe5+ 54.Qxe5 fxe5 55.Kc1 Kf5]
53.Qg3 Active counter play! **53...Kg8 54.Bd4 Kh7 55.Kb2 a4 56.Bc5 Kg8 57.Bb4 Bg4 58.Bc3 Kh7 59.Bd4 Bh5 60.Bc5**
[60.Qf2 simplifies Kg6 61.g3 Qxf2 62.Bxf2 Be2 63.Bc5]
60...Kg8 61.Kc3 Bg4 62.Ba3 Bh5 63.Bd6 Qd1 64.Kb2 Wards off Qd1-a1+ **64...Qd2** Against Qg3-e3 **65.Qf4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2737**
Bullet Chess Losers blitz (5.4) 13.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

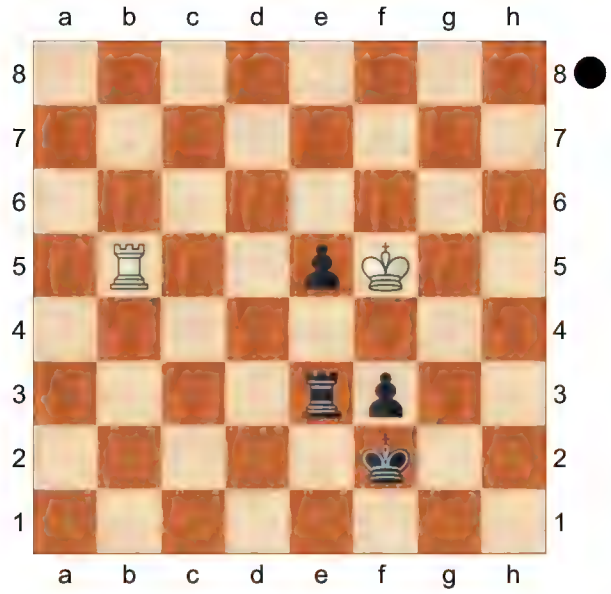
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.h3 Bb6
[7...g5 8.Be3 *(8.Nxg5 hxg5 9.Bxg5 Rg8 10.h4 Be6 11.Qf3 Rg6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.Bxd5 Nd4 14.Qd1 Rxg5 15.hxg5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Qxg5 17.c3 Nf5 18.d4 Bb6 19.a4 a6 20.a5 Ba7 21.Re1 0-0-0 22.Qf3 Rg8* 9.g4 ♗e6 10.000 ♘e5 11.h4 (1611)-Ramirez Pereales,J (1526) British League (Game 11) 2004 (3) 0-1*)* 8...g4 9.Nh2 gxh3 10.g3 Rg8 11.Bxc5 dxc5 12.Kh1 Nd4 13.f4 Qe7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nf5 16.Re1 Nxg3+ 17.Kg1 Ne2+ 18.Kh1 Ng3+ 19.Kg1 Qh4 20.Rxe5+ Kd8 21.Qe1 Qxf4 22.Ng4 Ergashev,K (2015)-Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2632) ch-USA w 2016 (1) 0-1]
8.a3 0-0N
[8...g5 9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Ne7 11.Be3 Ng6 12.Nh2 h5 13.Bxb6 axb6 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.f3 Qe7 17.Qd2 f5 18.exf5 Qc5+ 19.Rf2 Bxf5 20.Re1 0-0-0 21.c4 Nd3 22.Re3 Nxf2 23.Qxf2 Nikolov,S-2.c4 e5 Nizza 1940 0-1 Qd6 24.Nf1 c6 25.Be4 Be6 26.Bd3 g4 27.fxg4 hxg4 28.h4 e4 29.Bxe4 Rdf8 30.Qg3 Qd4 31.b3 Qf6 32.Qe1 g3 33.Rf3 Qxh4 34.Rxf8+ Rxf8 35.Nxg3 Bd7 36.Qe3 Rh8 37.Qd4 Qh2+ 38.Kf2 Molebreok-Anderssen,A Rotterdam sim 1861 0-1]
9.Be3 Be6 10.Nd2!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **10...Nd4N**
[Vorgänger: 10...Qd7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Ne7 13.Qf3 Qf5 0.05/23 *(13...c6!∓ -0.55/20 14.dxc6 bxc6)* 14.Qxf5!= Nxf5 15.Bxb6 axb6 16.Ne4 Nd7 17.c3 Koglin,J-Vogt,I Blitz-17844-G1 2014 0-1]
11.Ne2 -0.21/20
[11.Na4 0.22/20 might be stronger.]
11...Nxe2+= The position is equal.
12.Qxe2 Re8 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Nc4 Bxe3 15.Nxe3 d5 16.Qf3 -0.48/21
[16.Rad1= 0.01/19]
16...c6 -0.09/20
[16...dxe4!∓ -0.48/21 17.dxe4 Qd4]
17.Rae1 g6 0.07/23
[17...dxe4∓ -0.38/20 18.dxe4 Qd4]
18.g3 -0.64/21
[Better is 18.exd5= 0.07/23 cxd5 19.c3]
18...Kg7 -0.20/20
[18...dxe4∓ -0.64/21 19.dxe4 Qd4]
19.Kg2 -0.62/22
[19.exd5= -0.20/20 Nxd5 *(19...cxd5 20.c4=)* 20.Nc4]
19...Qd7 20.h4 -0.82/20
[20.Ng4= -0.30/21]
20...Rae8 -0.37/20
[20...h5∓ -0.82/20]
21.Rh1 -0.84/20
[21.Ng4∓ -0.37/20]
21...h5∓ 22.g4 -1.74/22
[22.Rd1∓ -0.75/20]
22...hxg4 23.Nxg4 Nh5 24.Reg1 -2.33/21
[24.Ne3∓ -1.57/19]
24...dxe4 25.dxe4 Rd6 -1.07/23
[25...Nf4+!-+ -2.01/21 26.Kh2 Qd8]
26.Ne3 Nf4+ 27.Kh2 -1.71/22
[27.Kg3∓ -1.19/22]
27...Rh8-+ 28.Rg4

[28.Nf5+? Kf8 29.Qg3 Rd2-+ *(29...gxf5 30.Qg7+ Ke7 31.Qxh8+-)*]
28...Kf8 -1.14/21
[28...Rd2-+ -1.78/23 29.Kg3 Qe6]
29.Rhg1 -2.08/23
[29.Ng2∓ -1.14/21 was called for.]
29...Qe7 30.Ng2 Nxg2
Remove Defender **31.Kxg2 Rxh4**
32.Rh1 -2.33/24
[⌓32.Rxh4 -1.67/24 Qxh4 33.Rh1 Qg5+ 34.Qg3 Qxg3+ 35.Kxg3]
32...Rxh1 33.Kxh1 Qf6 34.Qxf6 Rxf6
Endgame. KR-KR **35.Kg2 Rd6 36.Rg3 Rd2 37.Rc3 Ke7 38.Kf3 Ke6 39.Ke3 Rd7 40.Rb3 f5** -1.42/23
[40...a5-+ -1.80/22 41.a4 Kd6]
41.a4 -2.33/25
[41.Ke2∓ -1.42/23]
41...f4+ 42.Kf3 Kf6 43.Kg4 Rd4 -0.72/26
[43...a5-+ -1.78/25 is more deadly. 44.Rb6 Rh7]
44.Kf3 Rxa4 45.Rxb7 a5 46.Rb6 -0.97/29
[46.c3∓ -0.33/30]
46...Rc4∓ 47.c3 a4 -0.11/27
[Black should try 47...Kg5∓ -1.16/27 Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. 48.Ra6 Rc5]
48.Ra6= g5 49.Kg4 Ke6? 2.51/27
[49...a3= -0.01/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 50.Rxa3 Rxe4]
50.Ra8?? -4.75/25
[50.f3+- 2.51/27]
50...Rxe4-+ 51.Kxg5 Kd5? -1.77/27
[51...Re2 -5.07/24 52.f3 Rg2+ *(52...Rxb2? 53.Re8+ Kd5 54.Ra8-+)* 53.Kh4 Rxb2 54.Rxa4 Rf2]
52.Ra5+ -2.49/29
[⌓52.Kf5 -1.77/27 Re2 53.Rxa4]
52...Kc4? 0.00/25
[Black should play 52...c5-+ -2.49/29 53.f3 Re3]
53.Kf5? -4.17/25
[53.Rxa4+= 0.00/25 and White is okay. Kd3 54.Rxe4 Kxe4 55.Kg4]
53...Kd3! 54.Ra7? -5.37/26
[54.Rc5 -2.91/22]
54...Re2 55.Rd7+ Kc2 56.f3 -8.98/25
[⌓56.Ra7 -5.17/24 Kxb2 *(56...Rxf2? 57.Kxe5 Kxb2 58.Rxa4-+)* 57.Rxa4 Kxc3 *(57...Rxf2? 58.Kxe5 Kxc3 59.Ra5-+)* 58.Ra5]
56...Kxb2 And now ...a4-a3! would win.
57.Rb7+ Kc1 58.Ra7



a3 -2.31/25 **59.Rxa3 Kb2?** -0.01/31
[59...Kd2-+ -3.01/26 60.Ra5 Ke3 *(60...Kxc3 61.Rc5+ Kd4 62.Rxc6∓)* 61.Kxe5 Kxf3+ 62.Kd6 Rc2]
60.Ra6= Re3
[60...c5!? 61.Rc6□ e4 *(61...Kxc3 62.Rxc5+ Kd4 63.Rb5=)* 62.Kxf4 exf3 63.Kxf3 Re5=]
61.Rb6+ Kxc3 ...c6-c5 would now be deadly. **62.Rxc6+ Kd3** ...Kd3-e2! is the strong threat. **63.Kg4 Ke2 64.Rc2+ Kd3 65.Rb2 Kd4 66.Rb4+ Kd5 67.Rb8 Ke6 68.Rc8 Kd5 69.Rd8+ Kc4 70.Re8 Kd3 71.Rc8 Ke2 72.Rd8?** -15.09/26

[72.Rc2+= 0.01/30 Kd3 73.Rc6]
72...Rxf3-+ White must now prevent ... Rf3-e3. **73.Ra8 Kf2??** 5.67/24
[73...Rg3+-+ -16.86/24 and all is fine. 74.Kf5 f3 *(74...Re3 75.Ra2+ Kf1 76.Ra1+ Kg2 77.Ra8-+)* 75.Ra2+ Kf1 76.Kxe5 f2 77.Kd4 Kg1 78.Ra1+ f1Q *(78...f1B 79.Ra2∓)* 79.Rxf1+ Kxf1 80.Ke5 Ke2 81.Kd6 Rd3+ 82.Ke6 Kf3 83.Ke5 Rd2 84.Kf5 Re2 85.Kg5 Re5+ 86.Kg6 Kg4 87.Kf6 Re3 88.Kg7 Kf5 89.Kf7 Kg5 90.Kg7 Rf3 91.Kh8 Kh6 92.Kg8 Kg6 93.Kh8 Rf8#]
74.Kf5?? -11.50/20
[74.Ra2++- 5.67/24 Ke3 75.Ra3+ Ke4 76.Rxf3 Kd5 77.Kf5 Kd4 78.Rh3 Kd5 79.Rd3+ Kc4 80.Ke4]
74...Ke3? -0.01/34
[74...Re3-+ -11.50/20 75.Kg4 f3]
75.Ra3+= Kf2
[75...Ke2!? 76.Ra2+□ Ke3=]
76.Ra2+? -12.02/27
[76.Ra8= 0.01/27]
76...Kg3-+ Hoping for ...Rf3-e3. **77.Ra1 Re3 78.Rg1+ Kf2 79.Rb1 f3 80.Rb5**



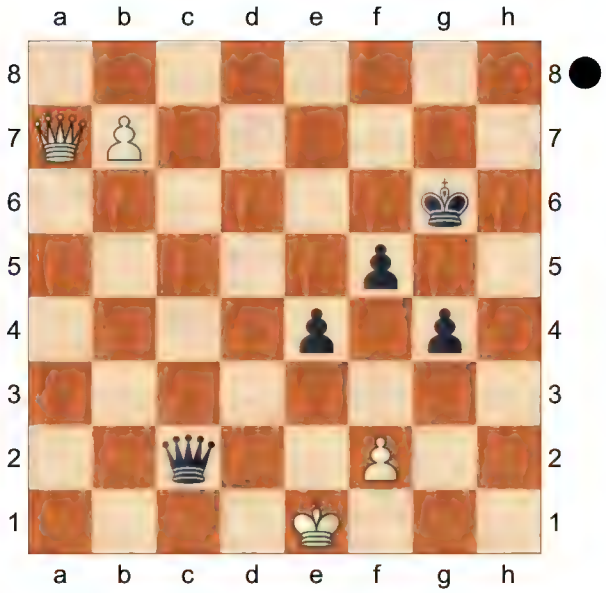
Re4?? #15/22 **81.Rb1??** -9.66/23
A wild game.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.66. Loss on time!?
[81.Kxe4 #15/22 avoids the disaster. Kg2 82.Rb2+ *(82.Rxe5 f2=)* 82...f2 83.Ke3 *(83.Kxe5 Kg1=)* 83...Kh3 84.Rxf2 *(84.Kxf2 Kg4 85.Ke3 Kf5 86.Rd2 e4 87.Rd5+ Kf6 88.Kxe4 Ke6)* 84...Kg4 85.Rf1 e4 86.Kxe4]
1-0

C50
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2737**
Bullet Chess Losers blitz (5.8) 13.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 d6 10.0-0
[10.d4 Ba7 11.dxe5 *(11.h3 0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.Re1 Be6 14.Bf1 exd4 15.c4 Ne5 16.Nxd4 Bxh3 17.Ne3 Bxd4 18.Qxd4 Qg5 19.Qd1 Re6 20.Nd5 Rg6 21.f4 Qh4 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Re3 Bg4 24.Qe1 Qd8 25.Be2 c6* 7.cd4 ♘h6 8.♗h6 (2230)-11. ♘b6 ab6 12. ♕f3 (1792) Cappelle op 25th 2009 (1) 1-0*)* 11...Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Qh5 0-0 14.Qxe5 Re8 15.Qf4 Qd6 16.Qxd6 Rxe4+ 17.Ne3 cxd6 18.Bd5 Re5 19.0-0-0 Bxe3+ 20.fxe3 Rxe3 21.Rhf1 Be6 22.Bxb7 Ra7 23.Bd5 a5 24.Bxe6 Rxe6 Pink,J (2687)-Yoo, E (2659) Master Open Lausanne SUI 2001 1-0]
10...Ba7! is now more promising than 10...0-0. im Vergleich zu 10...0-0 vielversprechender. **11.Bb3N**
[11.a4 0-0 12.a5 *(12.Ne3 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ng6 15.Kh1 Re8 16.Qc2 c6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Ndf5 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 Rad8 20.f4 Nh4 21.Ng3 Qg6 22.Bd3 Qg4 23.Be2 Qe6 24.e5 Kh8 25.Qe4 f5 26.Qb4 Bc5* Model Games-Maghsoodloo,P*)* 12...Kh8 13.Ne3 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 f5 16.Qd3 c6 17.Bb3 f4 18.Nc4 Bg4 19.Bc2 d5 20.Nce5 dxe4 21.Qxe4 Bf5 22.Qe2 Bxc2 23.Qxc2 Qd5 24.Rfe1 Kg8 25.b4 Rad8 Svane,F (2568)-Doshi,M (2414) Sitges Sunway op 9th 2022 (9) 1-0]
11...Ne7N
[Vorgänger: 11...0-0 12.h3 Ne7 13.Ne3 Ng6 14.d4 Qf6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Ne3 Qf6 Bartnik,A (2069)-Del Monaco,A W-ch WS/M/819 email 2021 ½-½]
12.Kh1 -0.68/20
[12.Ne3= 0.09/18]
12...0-0 -0.06/18
[12...Nxd5∓ -0.68/20 13.Bxd5 c6]
13.Nd2 -0.53/20
[13.Ne3= -0.06/18 is superior.]
13...Nxd5!∓ 14.Bxd5 c6 15.Bb3 d5 0.38/19
[15...Qf6∓ -0.57/17]
16.Qe2 -0.40/19
[Better is 16.Qh5± 0.38/19]
16...Be6 17.Rae1 Re8 18.Nf3 dxe4 -0.06/21
[18...Qc7∓ -0.54/21]
19.dxe4= Bxb3 20.axb3 Qe7 21.b4 Qe6 22.Qc2 Rad8 23.h3 g6 24.Rd1 Kg7 25.Kh2 Bb6 26.g3 Qf6 27.Kg2 Qe6 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Rd1 Rxd1 30.Qxd1 Endgame. KQB-KQN **30...Bc7 31.Qd3 Qe7 32.Nd2 Bb6 33.Nc4 Bc7 34.h4 Qe6 35.Nd2 h5 36.Qc4 Qd7 37.Qe2 f6 38.Nc4 b5 39.Ne3 Bb6 40.Nf1 Qd6** 1.15/24
[40...Qc8= 0.01/24 keeps the balance.]
41.Qd2 -0.35/27
[41.g4± 1.15/24]
41...Qe6 0.01/23
[41...Qxd2∓ -0.35/27 should be considered. 42.Nxd2 c5]
42.Ne3 Bxe3 43.Qxe3 KQ-KQ
43...Qd7 1.02/24 Repels Qe3-a7
[43...Qc4= 0.01/26]
44.Qe2 0.01/25

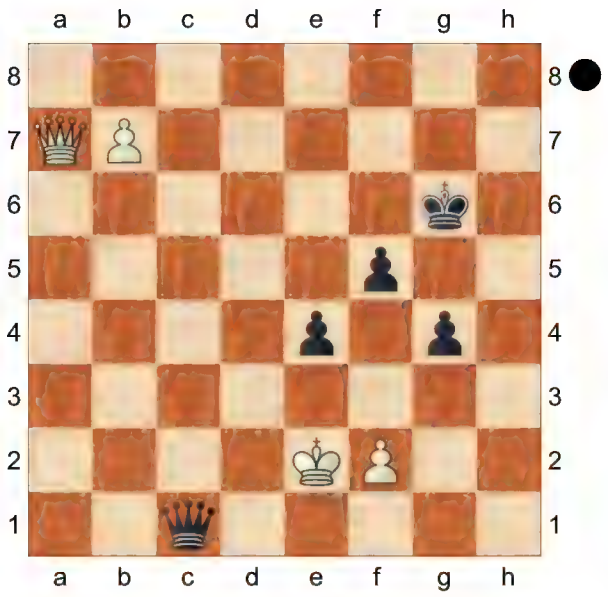
[44.Qb6± 1.02/24]
44...Qa7 0.46/28
[44...Qd6= 0.01/25]
45.Qd3 Qc7 Prevents Qd3-d6 **46.Qd2 Qe7 47.Qd3** -0.01/23
[47.Qd1± 0.50/26]
47...Qe6 0.63/25
[Black should try 47...Qc7= -0.01/23]
48.Qd8± Qf7 1.08/28
[48...Qc4!± 0.58/25]
49.Qd6!±
[49.Qc8?! Qc4=]
49...Qb7 1.03/26
[49...Qc4± 0.63/23]
50.Qe6 Qc7 51.g4 0.01/26 White is more active.
[51.Kg1± 1.11/28]
51...hxg4= 52.Qxg4 Qf7 53.h5 g5 0.42/28
[53...Qe8= 0.01/27]
54.Qf5 0.01/28
[54.Kg3± 0.42/28]
54...Qxh5 55.Qd7+ Kh6 56.Qxc6 Qg4+ 57.Kf1 Kg7 58.Qxa6 Qd1+ 59.Kg2 Qg4+ 60.Kf1 Qxe4 61.Qxb5 Qh1+ 62.Ke2 Black should prevent Qb5-d7+. **62...Qe4+ 63.Kf1 g4 64.Qd7+ Kh6** 0.59/25
[64...Kg6= 0.01/24]
65.Qd2+ Kg6 0.86/23
[65...Kh5± 0.45/24]
66.Qe3± Qh1+ 67.Ke2 e4? 2.46/22
[67...Qa1± 0.89/22]
68.b5+- f5 69.b6! b6-b7 is the strong threat. **69...Qh2?** 10.85/24
[69...Qa1 2.91/23 70.c4 *(70.b4 Qa6+ 71.Ke1 Qa1+ 72.Ke2 Qa6+ 73.b5 Qxb5+ 74.Kd2 Qb2+ 75.Kd1 Qb1+ 76.Kd2 Qb2+ 77.Ke1 Qb1+ 78.Ke2 Qb5+ 79.Kd1 Qa4+ 80.Ke1 Qa1+ 81.Ke2 Qa6+ 82.Ke1 Qa1+ 83.Kd2 Qa2+ 84.Kc1 Qa1+ 85.Kc2 Qa2+ 86.Kc1 Qa1+ 87.Kd2 Qb2+=)*
70...Qxb2+ 71.Kf1 Qe5]
70.b7 Qd6 Dodges Qe3-b6 **71.Qa7?** 0.01/23 Prevents Qd6-a6+
[71.Ke1!+- 5.45/22 aiming for Qe3-g3. Qb8 72.Qb6+ Kf7 73.Qb5]
71...Qd3+= 72.Ke1 Qb1+ 73.Kd2 Qxb2+ 74.Ke3 Qxc3+ 75.Ke2
[75.Kf4!? Qc7+□ 76.Ke3 Qc3+ 77.Ke2 Qd3+ 78.Ke1 Qb1+ 79.Kd2 Qb2+ 80.Kd1 Qb1+ 81.Ke2 Qd3+ 82.Ke1 Qb1+ 83.Kd2 Qb2+ 84.Kd1 Qb1+ 85.Ke2 Qd3+=]
75...Qc2+ 76.Ke1? -#11/24
[76.Kf1= 0.01/26 Qd1+ 77.Kg2 Qf3+ 78.Kg1 Qd1+ 79.Kg2 Qf3+ 80.Kg1 Qd1+ 81.Kh2 g3+ 82.fxg3 Qe2+ 83.Kg1 Qd1+ 84.Kf2 Qc2+ 85.Kg1 Qc1+ 86.Kg2 Qb2+ 87.Kg1 Qb1+ 88.Kg2 Qb2+ 89.Kg1 Qb1+ 90.Kh2 Qc2+ 91.Kh3]



76...Qc1+! 77.Ke2

(Diagram)

Qc2+? 0.01/29
[77...f4! -#10/22 78.Qb6+ Kh7 79.Qc7+ Qxc7 80.Kd2 Qxb7 81.Kc2



Qb4 82.Kc1 g3 83.fxg3 f3 84.Kd1 f2 85.g4 f1Q+ 86.Kc2 Qfb1#]

78.Kf1⇄ White is fighting back

78...Qd1+ 79.Kg2 Qf3+ 80.Kg1 Qd1+ 81.Kg2

[81.Kh2!? g3+□ Decoy 82.Kxg3 Qf3+ 83.Kh2 Qf4+ 84.Kg1 Qg4+ 85.Kh1 Qh5+ 86.Kg1 Qg5+ 87.Kh2 Qf4+ 88.Kg1 Qc1+ 89.Kg2 Qg5+ 90.Kf1 Qc1+ 91.Kg2 Qg5+ 92.Kf1 Qc1+ 93.Ke2 Qc4+ 94.Ke1 Qc1+ 95.Ke2=]

81...Qd6? #14/22

[81...Qf3+= -0.01/24 82.Kg1 Qd1+ 83.Kg2]

82.Kg1? -0.01/23

[82.b8Q #14/22 mates Qxb8 83.Qxb8 Kf7 84.Qe5 f4 85.Qxe4 *(85.Qxf4+ Ke7 86.Kg3 Kd7 87.Kxg4 Kc6 88.Qxe4+ Kc7 89.f4 Kd6)* 85...Kf8 86.Qxf4+ Ke7 87.Kg3 *(87.Qxg4 Kd6 88.Qd4+ Ke7 89.Kg3 Ke6 90.Kg4 Kf7 91.Qd6 Kg7 92.Qe7+ Kg8 93.Kf5 Kh8 94.Kg6 Kg8 95.Qg7#)*]

82...Qd1+ 83.Kg2 Never resign too early!

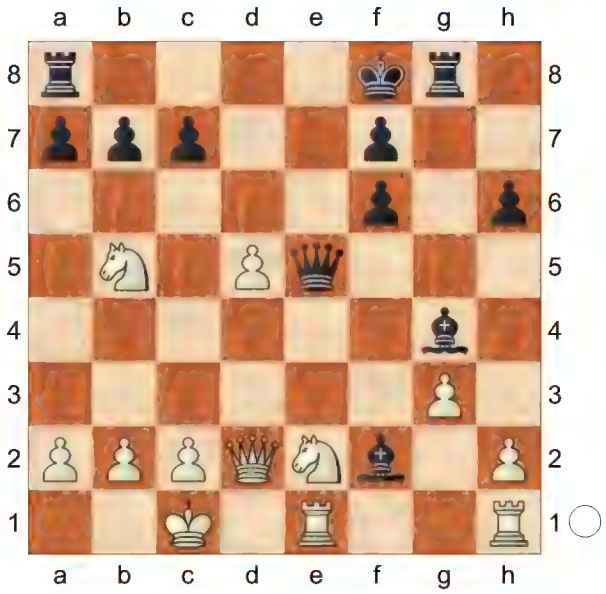
Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)

[83.Kh2!? g3+□ Decoy 84.Kxg3 Qg4+ 85.Kh2 Qh5+ 86.Kg3 Qg5+ 87.Kh2 Qh4+ 88.Kg1 Qg4+ 89.Kh2 Qh5+ 90.Kg1 Qg5+ 91.Kf1 Qc1+ 92.Kg2 Qg5+ 93.Kf1 Qc1+ 94.Kg2 Qg5+ 95.Kf1=]

½-½

C50
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2722**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2748**
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

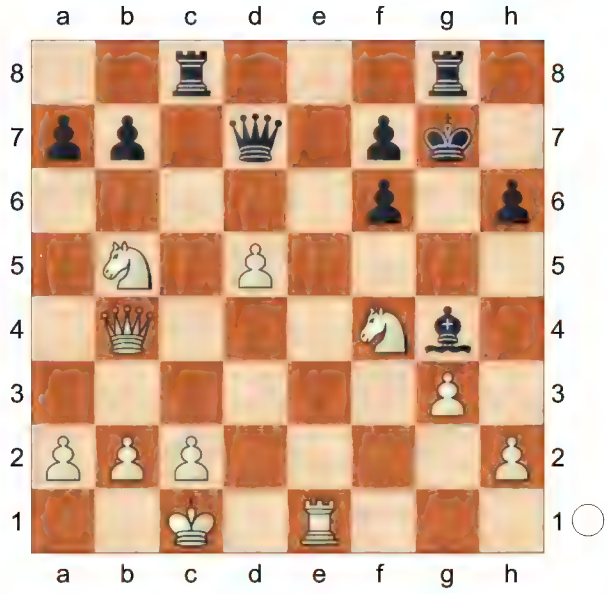
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Ne7N 0.76/19
[6...d6= -0.11/19 7.0-0 *(7.a3 a6 8.c3 Ba7 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 dxe5 13.Qxh5 Qe7 14.a4 Be6 15.Na3 0-0-0 16.Rad1 Kb8 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Nc4 g4 19.Ne3 Rhg8 20.Qf5 Qxf5 21.Nxf5 h5* Sinowjew,J (1784)-Power (1461) Simultaneous Display 11 (1) 1-0*)* 7...a5 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 g5 10.Bg3 Ne7 11.Qb3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Ng6 13.d4 Nh5 14.dxe5 Nxg3 15.hxg3 dxe5 16.Rad1 g4 17.Nh2 Qg5 18.Rfe1 Kg7 19.Re2 h5 20.Ndf1 h4 21.Rd3 hxg3 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Harikrishna,P (2720) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (6.1) 0-1 22.Rxg3 Nf4 23.Nxg4 Bxg4 24.Ne3 Bxe3 25.Rexe3 Ng6 26.Be2 Be6 27.Qb5 Qf4 28.Qc5 Rh8 29.Qxc7 Rh6 30.Bf3 Rc8 31.Qxa5 Rch8 32.Kf1 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Bc4+ 34.Kd2 Rf1 Abdusattorov,N (2677)-Fedoseev,V (2685) Chess.com Rapid Winners 2022 (2.3) 0-1]
7.Bxf6 0.40/20
[7.Nxe5± 0.76/19 d5 8.Bb3]
7...gxf6± 8.d4 exd4 White has an edge. **9.Nxd4 d5 10.exd5 Rg8 11.Nc3! Qd6! 12.g3** -0.01/21
[12.Ndb5!± 1.00/20 Qf4 13.Qd2 Qxc4 14.Nxc7+ *(14.Qxh6? Nf5-+)* 14...Kf8 15.Nxa8 *(15.Qxh6+ Rg7±)*]
12...Qe5+
[12...Qb6!? 13.0-0 Bxd4=]
13.Nde2 -0.34/21
[White should try 13.Nce2!± 0.31/20]
13...Nf5 0.75/20
[13...Bg4∓ -0.34/21]
14.Bb5+ 0.36/22
[14.Qd3!± 0.75/20]
14...Kf8 15.Qd2 Nd4 0.96/23
[Black should play 15...Kg7!± 0.35/21]
16.0-0-0±
[16.Qxh6+?! Rg7=]
16...Nxb5 17.Nxb5 aiming for Ne2-f4.
17...Bg4 2.04/22
[17...Bxf2± 0.86/22 18.Kb1 *(18.Qxh6+ Rg7=)* 18...Bg4]
18.Rde1!+- Ne2-f4 is the strong threat.
[18.Qxh6+ Rg7=]
18...Bxf2



...Bf2-e3 would now be deadly. **19.Nf4! Bxe1 20.Rxe1 Qf5 21.Nxc7 Rc8 22.Nb5** 1.34/24 A dynamic duo of knights.
[22.d6+- 2.90/22 is more deadly. Kg7 23.Re7 Rxc7 24.Ne6+ *(24.dxc7 Qc5+-; 24.Rxc7 Rd8+-)* 24...Kh7 25.Nxc7 *(25.dxc7? Qf1+)*]
22...Qd7± 23.Qb4+→ White wants a kill. Black is weak on the dark squares

[23.Nxa7?! Re8±]

23...Kg7



24.Re7! Skewer. The board is on fire. White is more active.

[24.Nxa7 Rce8±]

[24.Nd6?! Rcd8 25.Nxb7 Rde8=]

24...Rc4 Deflection **25.Rxf7+**

[25.Qxc4 Qxe7 26.b3 Rd8∓]

25...Qxf7 26.Qxc4 Hoping for Nf4-e6+.

26...Rc8 1.55/23

[⌓26...Qe7 1.13/22 27.Ne6+ *(27.Nxa7? Qe1#)* 27...Bxe6 28.dxe6 Kh8]

27.Qd3 Strongly threatening Nb5-d6!

27...Qe8 2.57/21

[⌓27...Re8 1.63/22 28.b3 *(28.Nxa7?* is the wrong capture. *Re1+ 29.Kd2 Rd1+ 30.Kc3 Rxd3+-+)* 28...Re1+ 29.Kb2 Qe8]

28.Kd2+-

[28.Nxa7? leads to mate. Qe1+]

28...Rb8? 4.48/26

[28...Qd7 2.66/24]

29.Nd6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.40

[29.Nxa7 Kg8 30.Nb5 Qf8+-]

1-0

C50
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
■ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2737**
Bullet Chess Winners blitz (2.2) 10.6.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.d3 d6 6.a3N
[6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nd5 Na5 12.b4 Nxc4 13.bxc5 Na5 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxh6 dxc5 17.Nh4 Nd4 18.Nf5 Nxf5 19.gxf5 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.h5 ♗h7 9.î-Albin 5... Nge7! with 10...Nxc (ol) 34/188 Luzern 1982 (8) 1-0]
[6.Bg5 h6 *(6...Be6 7.Bb5 h6 8.Bh4 Bb4 9.d4 Bd7 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 g5 12.Bg3 Nxe4 13.Bxc6 Bxc6 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 f6 17.Bd4 Kf7 18.Nd2 Rhe8 19.f3 Nxd2 20.Rxd2 Rad8 21.g4* Nimzowitsch,A-Capablanca,J Problem of Unpinning (d) 0-1*)* 7.Be3 *(7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 Bg4 9.h4 Nh5 10.hxg5 Nd4 11.Bxe5 Bxf3 12.gxf3 dxe5 13.Rxh5 Rg8 14.f4 exf4 15.Qg4 Nxc2+ 16.Kd2 Nxa1 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qf5+ Ke8 19.Qe6+ Kf8 20.g6* Nimzowitsch-Fluss Correspondence (Game 1913 1-0 *)* 7...Bb6 8.0-0 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.d4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Qd7 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Qe2 0-0 15.a4 d5 16.e5 Ne4 17.Nb5 Nc5 18.b3 Rf4 19.f3 Qd7 20.Rad1 Qe7 Li,E (2515)-Pollari,T (2440) 38: Czech League, Czechia 1997 (6) 1-0]
[6.Be3 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Ne7 9.Nh4 d5 10.exd5 Nexd5 11.Bd2 0-0 12.0-0 Bg4 13.f3 Be6 14.Qe1 Qd6 15.Bxd5 Nxd5 16.g3 Rfe8 17.Qf2 b5 18.Rfb1 Bd7 19.Ng2 c5 20.Ne3 Nb6 Akylbekov,N (2218)-Mikhalevski,V (2581) 11th New York International 2018 (6) 0-1]
6...a6 7.Be3 Ba7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 The position is equal. **9...h6 10.Bh4 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5**
[11...g5 is interesting. 12.Nxg5 Nxd5 13.Nxe6 Qxh4 14.exd5 fxe6 15.dxc6 Bxf2+ 16.Kh1 bxc6 17.Bxe6+ Kh8]
12.Bxd5 Qe7 13.Ba2 Nd8 14.c3 Ne6 15.Re1 Nf4 16.d4 Ng6 0.72/21
[16...Rae8= 0.29/19]
17.Bg3 Rfe8 18.h3 Rad8 19.Qd3 Qd7 0.67/22
[19...exd4 20.cxd4 Nh5 *(20...Nxe4? 21.Bd5+-)* 21.e5∓]
[19...c5= 0.06/20]
20.Rad1 Qb5 21.Qb1 Qc6 22.Bh2 0.22/20
[22.Qc2± 0.62/20]
22...exd4 1.45/23
[22...Rd7= 0.22/20]
23.Nxd4 0.52/21
[White should play 23.e5± 1.45/23 Nxe5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Nxe5 Rxe5 26.Rxe5]
23...Bxd4 24.Rxd4
[24.cxd4 simplifies Rxe4 25.Rxe4 Qxe4 26.Qxe4 Nxe4 27.Bd5]
24...Re7? 4.41/21
[24...Rd7± 0.66/21]

(Diagram)

Loses the game. **25.e5!+- Rde8**
[25...Nxe5 26.Rxe5]
26.Qxg6 dxe5 27.Rd2 e4 28.Qf5 e3 29.Rxe3 Rxe3 30.fxe3 Rxe3 31.Rd8+ Re8 32.Rxe8+ Qxe8 33.Qf2 Qd7 34.Bg3 Ne4 35.Qe3 Qd1+ 36.Kh2

Nd2 37.Qe1
[37.Bxc7? Nf1+ 38.Kg1 Nxe3+-+]
37...Qc2 38.Qf2 Prevents Nd2-f3+.
[38.Bxc7? Nf3+ *(38...Qxb2 39.Qe8+* Deflection *Kh7 40.Bxf7 Nf3+ 41.Kg3)* 39.Kg3 Nxe1-+]
38...Qd3 39.Qxf7+ Kh7 40.Qg8+
White mates.
[40.Qxc7 Nf1+ 41.Kg1 Nxg3±]
40...Kg6 41.Qe8+
[And not 41.Bxc7 Nf3+ 42.gxf3 Qd2+ 43.Kg1 Qe3+ *(43...Qe1+ 44.Kg2=)* 44.Kf1 *(44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Kg3 Qg5+ 46.Kh2 Qd2+ 47.Kg3 Qg5+ 48.Kf2 Qd2+ 49.Kg3=)* 44...Qd3+ 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kg3 Qg5+ 47.Kf2 Qd2+ 48.Kg3 Qg5+ 49.Kh2 Qd2+ 50.Kg3=]
41...Kg5 42.h4+ Kg4 43.Be6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.60
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☐	**Dubov,Daniil**	**2707**
■	**So,Wesley**	**2757**

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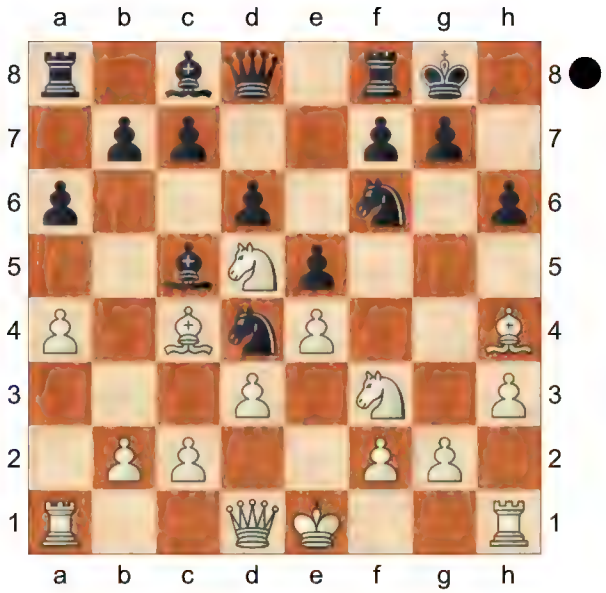
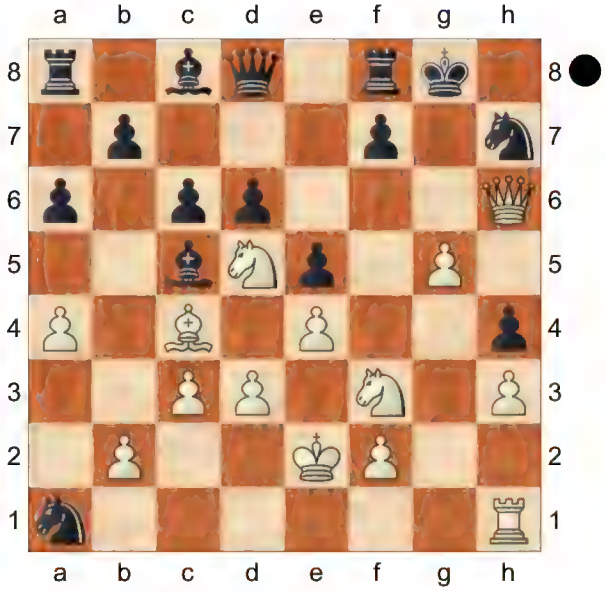
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Nf3
[4.d3 c6 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 Nbd7 8.a3 Bb6 9.Ba2 Re8 10.Re1 Nf8 11.Be3 Be6 12.d4 Bxa2 13.Rxa2 exd4 14.Bxd4 Ba5 15.b4 Bb6 16.Ra1 Ne6 17.Bxb6 axb6 18.a4 Qc7 Amin,B (2660)-Wojtaszek, R (2745) Sharjah 132/(72) 2017 ½-½]
4...Nc6N
[4...d6 5.Ng5 *(5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.0-0 Ng4 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Na4 Nge5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Be2 Bb4 12.f4 Nd7 13.a3 Ba5 14.Bc4 Qe7 15.Qf3 c6 16.b4 Bc7 17.Nc3 a5 18.Bb2 axb4 19.axb4 Rxa1* Van der Werra,M-Marshall,F New York Manhattan CC-ch 1898 1-0) 5...0-0 6.d3 h6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Bg6 12.Qf2 c6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.a3 Nb6 16.Qh4 Qd7 17.Rdf1 Rfe8 18.Rf2 Kf8 19.Rd1 Massanet Massanet,S-Waltner,H Open Tanta City EGY 2002 (7) 0-1]
[4...Ng4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Nxe5+ Nxe5 7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qxe5 d6 9.Qf4+ Ke8 10.0-0 Rf8 11.Qh6 Bxf2+ 12.Rxf2 Rxf2 13.Kxf2 Qf6+ 14.Kg1 Nd7 15.Qxh7 Nf8 16.Qxc7 Ne6 17.Qxd6 Qg5 18.d4 Qg4 19.Bd2 Karabanovych,V-Hoerstmann,M Turkiye 137/33 2018 1-0]
5.d3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.Bg5
The position is equal. **8...h6 9.Bh4 Nd4 10.Nd5**



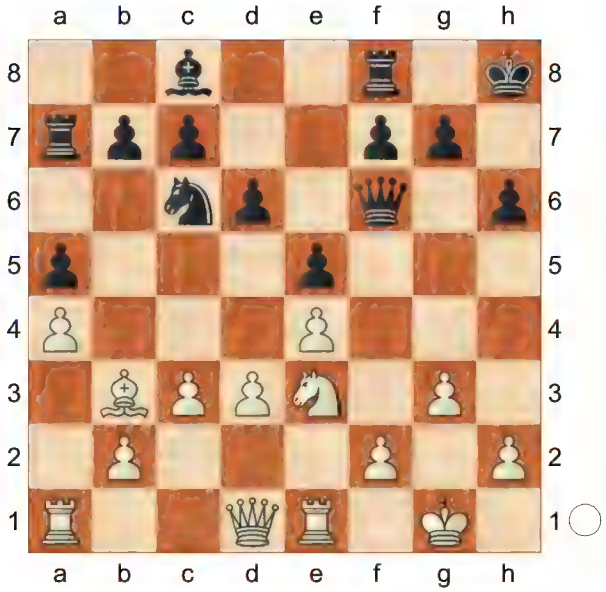
Threatens to win with Nd5xf6+. **10...g5**
11.Qd2? -2.60/22 **gxh4-+**
[11...Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Nxd5 *(12...gxh4? 13.Qxh6+-)* 13.Bxd5-+]
12.Qxh6 Nh7 Prevents Nf3-g5
[12...Nxc2+ 13.Kd1 Nh7 *(13...Nxa1 14.Ng5)* 14.Kxc2±]
13.c3 Nc2+ 14.Ke2 Nxa1 15.g4? -4.65/21
[15.Nxc7 -2.86/20 b5 *(15...Qxc7 16.Ng5=)* 16.Ba2 bxa4 *(16...Qxc7 17.Ng5=)* 17.Nxa8]
15...c6 16.g5



White wants to mate with g5-g6!
16...cxd5 17.Rg1 Kh8
[17...dxc4 18.g6]
18.Nxh4 Threatening mate with g5-g6!
18...Qb6
[18...dxc4? 19.g6 fxg6 *(19...cxd3+ 20.Kd1 fxg6 21.Nxg6+ Kg8 22.Nf4+; 19...Bg4+ 20.Rxg4 fxg6 21.Nxg6+ Kg8 22.Nxf8+)* 20.Nxg6+ Kg8 21.Nxf8++- *(21.Nxe5+ Qg5+-; 21.Nxe5+ Ng5+-)*]
19.b4 White threatens g5-g6! and mate.
19...Bxf2
[19...dxc4 20.g6]
20.d4 Intending g5-g6! and mate.
20...Bxh4
[And not 20...Bxg1 21.g6 fxg6 22.Nxg6+ Kg8 23.Bxd5+ Rf7 24.Ne7+ Kh8 25.Bxf7 *(25.Ng6+ Kg8 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Bxf7 d5 28.Ng6+ Qxg6 29.Bxg6 Bg4+ 30.hxg4 Kg8 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Qf7#)*]
21.Bxd5 exd4 22.g6 fxg6 (-> ...d4-d3+)
[Inferior is 22...dxc3 23.Qxh7#]
23.Qxg6 d3+ 24.Kxd3 Rf3+
Black mates. **25.Kc4 Qc7+ 26.Kd4 Qxc3#** White did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=1.68/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
0-1

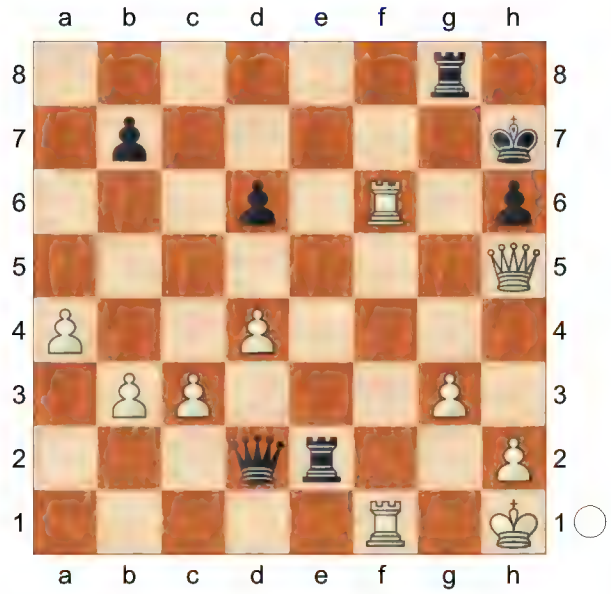
C50
□ **So,Wesley** 2757
■ **Dubov,Daniil** 2707
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (4.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Berliner Schacherinnerungen, 1859, S. 55-56 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 d6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 Bb6 7.a4**
[7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1]
7...a5 8.Nbd2N White is slightly better.
[8.Be3 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.Qc2 g5 11.d4 g4 12.Ne1 exd4 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4 Bxd4 15.Bxf7+ Kf8 16.Ba2 Qe7 17.Kh1 h5 18.Nd3 h4 19.Nf4 Rh6 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ng6+ Rxg6 22.Qxg6 Bxb2 Bledow,L-Von Heydebrand und der Lasa,T Match Bledow-Von Heydebrand 1839 ½-½ 23.Ne4 Qg7 24.Qxf6+ Qxf6 25.Nxf6 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Ra6 27.Ne4 Bf5 28.f3 h3 29.Rf1 Ke7 30.Nc5 Rc6 31.fxg4 hxg2+ 32.Kxg2 Bxg4 33.Rf7+ Ke8 34.Ne4 Rc2+ 35.Rf2 Bf5 36.Bd5 Bxe4+ 37.Bxe4 Rxf2+ Chapter11-7. ♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8. ♘e2 Augsburg 1993 ½-½ 38.Kxf2 c6 Chapter11-7. ♗xb4 ♕xe4+ 8. ♘e2 Augsburg 1993 ½-½]
8...Nge7 9.Bb3 0-0 10.Re1 -0.02/19
[10.Nc4± 0.38/20]
10...Kh8 11.Nc4 Ba7 12.Be3 Ng6 0.63/21
[12...f5= -0.01/21]
13.Bxa7± Rxa7 14.Ne3 White is more active. **14...Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.g3 Qf6**



17.f4! exf4 18.Rf1 Qg5 19.Rxf4 Bh3 Black is now going downhill. **20.Nd5**
[20.Rxf7? Qxe3+ 21.Kh1 Rxf7-+]
[20.Bxf7? Rxf7 21.Ng2 Qg6-+]
20...Ne5 1.69/22
[20...Ne7± 0.70/22]
21.Nxc7+- Bg4 2.60/21
[⌓21...b6 1.61/22]
22.Qf1 aiming for d3-d4! **22...Qh5**
23.Bd1 Prevents Ne5-f3+ **23...Bxd1**
24.Qxd1 Qg6 3.17/21
[⌓24...Ng4 1.82/23 25.Qxg4 *(25.Rxg4 Qc5+ 26.Kg2 Qxc7±)* 25...Qc5+ 26.d4 Qxc7]
25.d4 Nd7 26.Qf3 Nb6? 5.21/22
[26...Nf6 3.12/22 might work better. 27.Rf1 Rd8 28.Rxf6 Qxf6 29.Qxf6 gxf6 30.Rxf6 Kg7]
27.Rg4 Qh5 28.Ne6 Pin, Double Attack
28...f5 29.Rf1 Raa8 30.exf5 Rf7 31.b3 Against Nb6-c4 **31...Nd5 32.Nf4 Nxf4 33.Rxf4**
[Inferior is 33.gxf4 Qxf5 34.d5 Re8=]
33...Qg5 4.88/23

[⌓33...Qxf3 3.33/23 34.R1xf3 *(34.R4xf3 Kg8+-)* 34...Raf8]
34.f6 White is clearly winning. **34...Rg8 35.fxg7+ Rfxg7 36.Kh1 Rg6 37.Rf5 Qd2 38.Rxa5 Re6 39.Rf5 Re2**
40.Qh5 Threatens to win with Rf5-f6.
[40.Qxb7? gets mated. Rxh2+ 41.Kg1 Rxg3+]
40...Qe3 41.R5f3 Qd2 14.48/25
[⌓41...Qg5 4.76/24 42.Qxg5 hxg5]
42.Rf6 Kh7



43.Rxh6+!! Qxh6 44.Qxe2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

C50

□ **Wei,Yi** **2762**

■ **Demchenko,Anton** **2597**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (3.4) 13.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 The position is equal. **8...Ba7 9.Nbd2 Ne7N**

[9...g5 feels hotter. 10.Bg3 Nh5 *(10...0-0 11.0-0 Kg7 12.d4 Re8 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.d5 Ne7 16.Be2 Ng6 17.Nh2 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Nf4 19.Qf3 h5 20.Ndf1 Qd7 21.Ne3 Kg6 22.b3 c6 23.c4 cxd5 24.exd5 e4 25.Qd1* Petrosyan,M (2629)-Miranda,R (2324) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th May Early blitz 2023 (5) 0-1 *)* 11.Nxe5 Nxg3 12.Bxf7+ Ke7]

[9...Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 Kg7 22.d5 Bd7 23.Kc2 Rhb8 24.Bxa6 Buchicchio,G (2767)-Hantel,T (2787) 102/57 Russia 2008 (7) 0-1 Bxf2 25.Bb5 Be3 26.h4 Ra5 27.c4 Rba8 28.Kb3 Nf8 29.Rhc1 Bg4 30.Kc2 Bxd2 31.Kxd2 Nd7 32.Ra3 Nc5 33.Bc6 Rb8 34.Ke1 Qd8 35.Qc2 Bxf3 36.Rxf3 Qc8 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th_19495 2016 (3) 0-1]

[9...0-0 10.b4 g5 11.Bg3 Kg7 12.Qe2 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ng6 15.0-0 Re8 16.Bb3 c5 17.bxc5 dxc5 18.Qc4 Nh8 19.e5 Nh5 20.N4f3 Nxg3 21.hxg3 g4 22.Rad1 gxf3 23.Ne4 Be6 24.Rxd8 Lloyd,G (2619)-Vigneron (2485) (zt) Gausdal 1987 0-1]

10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nf1 Be6 13.Qb3 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 exd4 15.cxd4 Threatening Nf1-e3. **15...Qd7** 0.48/21

[15...Qe7!= 0.01/20]

16.Ne3↑ White has good play. **16...Qc6 17.Rc1 Qxc4 18.Rxc4**

[18.Nxc4?! 0-0-0∓]

18...c6 19.Kd2 h5 1.01/19

[19...0-0-0± 0.63/21]

20.Rhc1 Kd7 21.g3 Ne7 22.a5 Rab8 23.R1c2 0.69/22 White is more active.

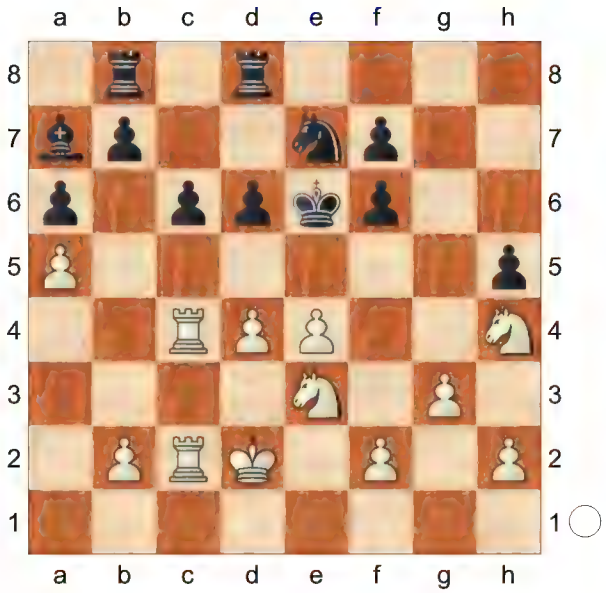
[23.Ra4± 1.10/20]

23...Ke6 1.38/23

[Black should play 23...b5± 0.69/22 24.axb6 Bxb6]

24.Nh4± Rhd8 1.47/22

[⌓24...d5 1.02/23 25.exd5+ Nxd5]



25.Nhg2 0.84/21

[⌓25.Kd3! 1.47/22]

25...Kd7 1.35/20

[Better is 25...f5 0.84/21]

26.Ra4 Ng6 1.78/21

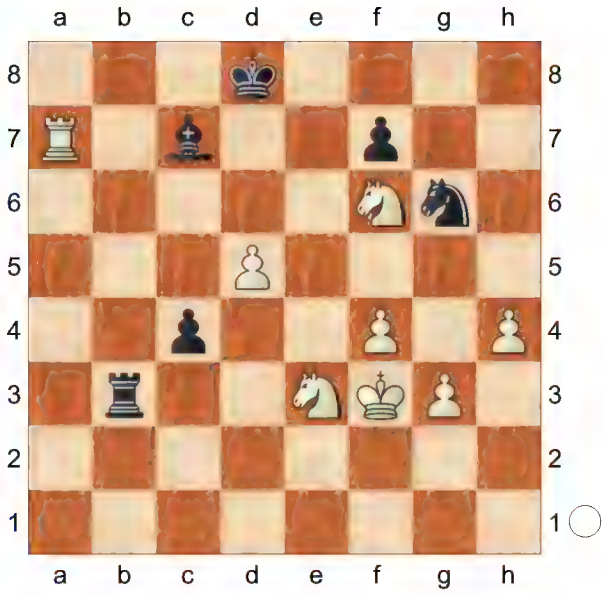
[26...Rh8± 1.35/19 was necessary. 27.Nf4 Ng6]

27.Nf5+- Re8 28.Kd3 b5? 3.35/22

A mistake that costs the game.
[28...c5± 1.54/22]
29.axb6 Rxb6 30.b4 And now Ng2-e3 would win. **30...Reb8 31.Nge3 Rxb4 32.Rxa6 Bb6** 2.23/24
[32...Bxd4± 1.44/24 33.Nxd4 Ne5+ 34.Kc3 Rxd4 35.Kxd4 Rb3]
33.Nc4 Excellent horsemanship.
33...Bc7 34.h4 R4b5 35.Ra7 R8b7 36.Rxb7 Rxb7 37.Ng7 1.33/22
[White should try 37.Rb2+- 2.34/23 Rxb2 38.Nxb2]
37...Rb5± 38.Ra2 Ra2-a7 would now be deadly. **38...d5** 2.17/23
[38...Ne7± 1.57/24 39.Ra7 Nc8]
39.exd5+- Rxd5 40.Ne3 Rb5 41.Ra8 c5 3.15/24
[⌓41...Bb6 1.97/22 42.Rb8 Kc7]
42.d5
[Stronger than 42.Nxh5 c4+ 43.Kxc4 Rxh5=]
42...Rb2 43.f4
[43.Nxh5 Ne5+ 44.Ke4 Rxf2+-]
43...Rb3+ 44.Ke2 c4? 5.74/21
[44...Bxf4 3.49/22 might work better. 45.gxf4 Nxf4+ 46.Kf2 Nd3+ 47.Kg3 Ne5]
45.Nxh5
[Less strong is 45.Nxc4 Rxg3 46.Nxh5 Rh3± *(46...Nxf4+ 47.Nxf4 Bxf4 48.Ra7+ Ke8 49.d6±)*]
45...Rb2+ 46.Kf3 Rb3 47.Nxf6+ Ke7 48.Ra7 2.69/22
[⌓48.Ng8+ 6.30/21 Kd7 49.Ke4]
48...Kd8? 6.65/21
[48...Kxf6 2.69/22 49.Rxc7 Ne7]

(Diagram)

49.d6! Rxe3+ 50.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29

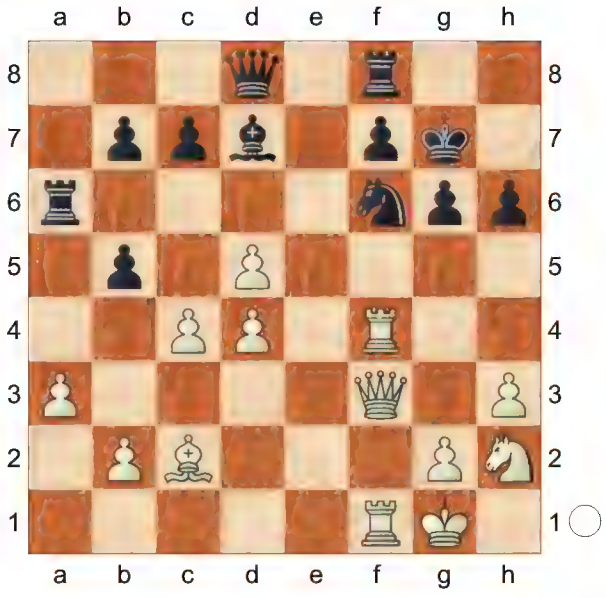


(precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

C50

□ **Rapport,Richard** **2719**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
Karlsruhe Grenke Playoffs 1-2 rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3! is recently more successful than 8. Nxb6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8. Sxb6.
[8.c3 0-0 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Re1 Bg4 11.Bb3 Qd7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Kh1 Kh8 14.Qe2 g5 15.Qe3 Bg6 16.Nh2 Kg7 17.Bc2 b5 18.Bd2 d5 19.Red1 d4 20.Qe1 Nh5 21.a4 dxc3 22.bxc3 b4 Eljanov,P (2692)-Topalov,V (2780) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2008 (12) 1-0]
8...Bg4 9.c3 Repels Nc6-d4 **9...Qc8N** White has an edge.
[Vorgänger: 9...0-0 10.b4 d5 0.65/21 *(10...Qd7=* 0.10/20 *)* 11.exd5!± Nxd5 12.Re1 -0.01/21 *(12.h3±* 0.51/21 *Bh5 13.Re1)* 12...Qd6 13.h3 Bh5 14.g4 0.25/22 *(14.Bxd5±* 0.66/22 *Qxd5 15.c4)* 14...Bg6 15.b5 *(15.Bxd5!? Qxd5 16.c4 Qxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxd3 18.c5+-)* 15...Na5 16.Rxe5 Noritsyn,N (2512)-Jenni,F (2456) Titled Tuesday intern op 7th July blitz 2020 (5) 1-0]
[9...Na5 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Ba2 0-0 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 Nxg4 14.hxg4 Bxg4 15.d4 Qf6 16.Kg2 Nc6 17.Qd3 exd4 18.Nh2 Bh5 19.Bd2 Qg6+ 20.Kh1 Ne5 21.Qg3 Qxe4+ 22.f3 Qc2 23.cxd4 Ng6 24.Bc3 Philippe (2171)-Safar Zadeh,E (2272) Munich SKA 1993 (7) 1-0 Rae8 25.Rae1 Qf5 26.Bb1 Qb5 27.Re4 d5 28.Rxe8 Rxe8 29.Qh3 Nf4 30.Qf5 Ne2 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Bd3 Qc6 33.Bb4+ Obregon Garcia,R (2171)-Rakshitta,R (2272) Wch U20 Girls 39th 2023 (7) 1-0]
10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bb3 Ne7 12.h3 Be6 0.68/21
[12...Bh5= 0.30/20]
13.Ba4+ 0.25/21
[13.Bc2!± 0.68/21]
13...Bd7 0.69/21
[13...b5= 0.25/21 14.Bc2 *(14.Bxb5+ c6=)* 14...Ng6]
14.Bc2!± Ng6 15.Nh2 0-0 16.f4! exf4 17.Bxf4 Nxf4 18.Rxf4 Qd8 19.d4 Ra5 20.Qd3 Hoping for e4-e5! **20...d5?** 2.39/21
[20...Re8± 0.76/20]
21.exd5+-
[21.e5?! Ne4]
21...g6 22.c4 Threatens to win with Ra1-f1. **22...b5 23.Raf1! Ra6**
[23...bxc4 24.Qf3 Bf5 25.Bxf5 Nxd5 26.Rg4]
24.Qf3
[24.cxb5?! Rd6±]
24...Kg7



25.d6! Rxd6 26.c5 Bc6 27.Qf2 Re6 28.Bb3 1.35/23

[28.Ng4+- 2.30/24 Qe7 29.Nxf6 *(29.Rxf6 Re2±)*]

28...g5± 29.Rf5 Be4 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Re5 Bd3 32.Rd1 0.43/21

[Better is 32.Rxe6± 1.33/23 Black must now prevent Rf1-e1. Bc4 33.Ree1]

32...Ng4!± Discovered Attack **33.Nxg4 Rxf2 34.Nxf2 Bc4**

[34...Qxd4? 35.Ree1+- *(35.Rxd3? Qxe5 36.g3 Qxb2-+; 35.Rxe6 Qc4+-)*]

35.Ng4↑ Black is under pressure.

35...Bb3 1.15/22

[35...Qf8± 0.50/22]

36.Rd2± h5 1.71/22

[36...Qf8± 0.87/22 might work better.]

37.Nf2+- And now Nf2-e4 would win.

37...Bd5 38.Ne4 White is more active.

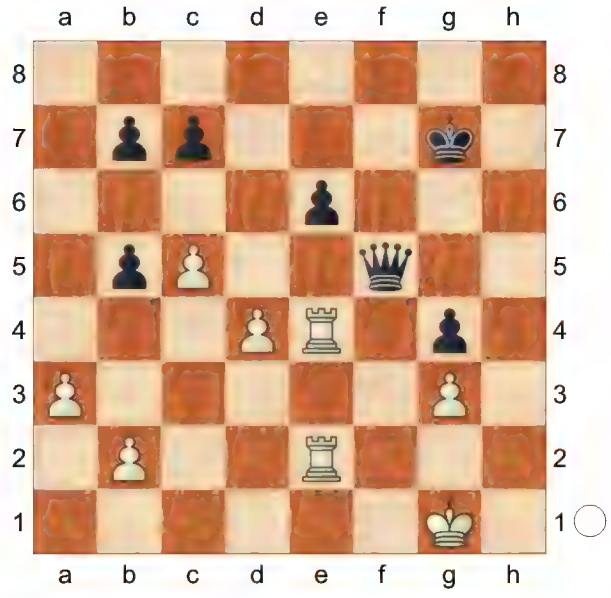
38...Bxe4 39.Rxe4± Endgame. KQ-KRR **39...g4** 2.38/23 **40.hxg4+-**

[40.Rxe6 gxh3 41.gxh3 Qh4±]

40...Qg5 41.Rde2 hxg4 42.g3

[42.Rxe6?! g3±]

42...Qf5



43.Rf4!

[43.Rxe6?! Qd3±]

43...Qd3 44.Kf2

[44.Rxe6 Qxg3+ 45.Kf1 Qxf4+ 46.Kg1 Qxd4+ 47.Kf1 g3 *(47...Qxb2? 48.Re3-+)* 48.Re2 Qd1+ *(48...Qxc5? 49.Kg2-+)* 49.Kg2 Qxe2+ 50.Kxg3 Qe3+ *(50...Qxb2 51.c6 Qxa3+ 52.Kh2 bxc6 53.Kh1 b4 54.Kg1 Qe3+ 55.Kh1 b3 56.Kh2 b2 57.Kg2 b1Q 58.Kh2 Qbg1#)* 51.Kg2 Kh6 *(51...Qxc5 52.Kf3 Qe5 53.Kg4 Qxb2 54.Kf3 Qd2 55.Ke4 Kf6 56.Kf3 Kf5 57.Kg3 Qe2 58.Kh3 Kf4 59.a4 bxa4 60.Kh4 Qh2#)* 52.c6 bxc6 53.Kf1 Kg5 54.b3 Kf4 *(54...Qxb3 55.Kg2 Kf4 56.Kh2 Qb2+ 57.Kg1 Kf3 58.Kh1 Qg2#)* 55.Kg2 Qg3+ *(55...Qxb3 56.Kh2 Qg3+ 57.Kh1 Kf3 58.a4 Qg2#)* 56.Kf1 Ke3 57.b4 Qf2#]

[44.Rxg4+ Kf8 45.Kf2 *(45.Rxe6? Qd1+ 46.Kf2 Qxg4-+)* 45...Kf7]

44...Qb3 2.40/25

[⌓44...Qg6 1.82/26 45.Kg2 Qh5]

45.Rxg4+ Kf7 46.Rf4+ Kg7 47.Rfe4 Qd3 48.Kg2

[48.Rxe6 Qxd4+ 49.Kf3 Qxc5±]

48...c6 3.55/26

[⌓48...Qd1 2.53/24 49.b3 *(49.Rxe6 Qxd4 50.Re7+ Kg6+-)* 49...Qxb3]

49.Rg4+

[49.Rxe6 Qxd4 50.b4 b6±]

49...Kf7 50.Rf2+ Ke7 51.Rg7+ Ke8 52.Rgf7 White threatens Rf7-f8+ and mate.

[52.Rxb7 Qxd4 53.Rbf7 Qxc5=]

52...e5

[Not 52...Qe4+? 53.Kh2 e5 54.dxe5+- *(54.Rxb7 Qxd4 55.Rf5 Qxb2+ 56.Kh3 e4±)*]

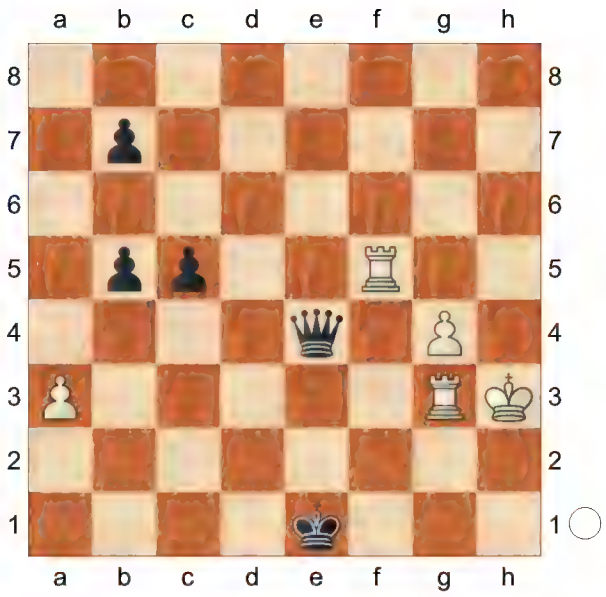
53.dxe5 Qd5+ 54.Kh2 b2-b4 is the strong threat. **54...Qxc5 55.R7f5 Qe3** 2.09/22

[55...Qd4± 1.51/24 56.Kh3 Ke7]

56.Kh3 Ke7 57.Rf7+ Skewer **57...Ke8 58.Rf8+ Ke7 59.R2f7+** Skewer **59...Ke6 60.Rf6+**
[60.Rxb7? perishes. Qh6+ *(60...Kxe5 61.Re8+ Kd6 62.Rxe3 b4 63.a4 Kd5 64.a5 Kd4 65.Rbe7)* 61.Kg2 Qxf8-+]
60...Kd5? 2.91/22
[60...Ke7± 1.35/23]
61.Rd8+? 0.62/23
[61.e6+- 2.91/22]
61...Kc4!± 62.e6 aiming for Rd8-f8.
62...Qe5 63.Rf4+ 0.23/24
[63.Rdf8± 0.75/23]
63...Kb3 1.22/27
[63...Kc5= 0.23/24]
64.Rd3+ Kc2 65.Rdf3 0.01/24
[65.Rff3± 1.23/25 Qxe6+ 66.g4]
65...Qxe6+= 66.g4 Kxb2 67.Kg2 c5 Strongly threatening ...c5-c4. **68.Rg3 Qd5+?** 10.27/26
[68...c4= 0.01/26 69.Rf2+ Kb1]
69.Kh2 Intending Rf4-f2+ and mate.
69...Qe5 70.Rf2+ Kb1 71.Rf1+ Kc2 72.Rf2+? -0.01/23
[White should play 72.g5+- 9.06/23]
72...Kd1? 8.91/22
[72...Kb1= -0.01/23]
73.Kh3? -0.01/26
[73.g5+- 8.91/22]
73...Ke1 74.Rf5 Qe4? 1.97/25
[74...Qe7= 0.01/26]

(Diagram)

75.Rg1+? 0.01/28
[75.Rff3!+- 1.97/25 Qg6 76.g5]
75...Ke2 The position is equal. **76.Rg2+ Ke1 77.Rg1+ Ke2 78.Rg2+ Ke1 79.Rg1+** Black defended with fortune.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very



precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Pichot,Alan** 2647
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** 2720
CrunchLab Masters PlayIn rapid (8)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Be3 Bb6
[6...Bxe3!? 7.fxe3 Na5=]
7.a4! is currently scoring better than 7. Nc3. wohl besser als 7.Sc3.
[7.h3 h6 8.a4 0-0 9.Qe1 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.a5 Bxe3 12.fxe3 a6 13.Nbd2 d5 14.Qh4 Qe7 15.c3 Rad8 16.d4 exd4 17.e5 dxe3 18.Nb3 e2 19.Rfe1 Ne4 20.Qxe7 Nxe7 21.Nbd4 Kf7 Mou,I (2201)-Pressman,L (2235) New York Marshall Labor Day-B 2024 (3) 0-1]
7...0-0 8.h3N
[8.Nbd2 h6 9.c3 Ng4 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.d4 Re8 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.h3 Ne7 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nf1 Ng6 17.Ng3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.c4 Nh7 20.Qd2 Rxa4 21.b3 Ra6 22.dxe5 Nxe5 So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2.32) 1-0]
8...d5N 0.52/21
[Vorgänger: 8...Ne7 9.Bg5 -0.11/20 *(9.Bxb6± 0.34/19 axb6 10.Nc3)* 9...Ng6 0.34/21 *(9...c6=* -0.11/20 should be considered.*)* 10.a5± Bc5 11.Nh4 Nf4 0.93/20 *(11...Kh8±* 0.33/20 *)* 12.Bxf4± exf4 13.Nf3 a6 14.d4 Ba7 Wagner,D (2589)-Styazhkina,A (2194) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Aug Early blitz 2023 (5) 1-0]
[8...Bxe3= 0.12/20 9.fxe3 Qe8]
9.exd5!± White is slightly better.
9...Nxd5 10.Bxb6 0.00/20
[10.Bd2± 0.51/19]
10...axb6 11.Re1 Nf4 12.Nc3 Qd6 ...Qd6-g6 is the strong threat. **13.Ne2 Ng6 14.Ng3** 0.01/21
[14.d4± 0.37/21 is more appropriate.]
14...h6 15.Qd2 Kh8 16.h4 -0.27/21
[16.c3± 0.31/22]
16...Bg4= 17.Nh2 Be6 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.Nf3 Qd5 20.Nf5 Rad8 21.Qe3 Qe6 0.43/22
[21...Rfe8= -0.01/21 feels stronger.]
22.Qe4± Rfe8 23.g3 -0.06/21
[White should try 23.b4!± 0.59/21]
23...Nf8 24.Qg4 Qf6 25.Nd2 Qg6 26.Qxg6 Nxg6 27.Nc4 f6 28.a5 b5 29.Na3 Rd5 0.66/23
[Better is 29...b4= -0.01/21 30.Nb5 Rd7]
30.Ne3 Rc5 31.c3 -0.01/21
[31.b4!± 0.65/22 Nxb4 32.Reb1]
31...b4= 32.Nac4 Rd8 33.Red1 Nf8 34.Ra4 bxc3 35.bxc3 Ne6 36.Rb1! Repels Rc5-b5 **36...Rb8 37.Ra2 Kg8 38.Kf1 Kf7 39.Ke2 Ke8 40.h5 Kd7 41.Kf1 Kc8 42.Ke2 Ra8** ...b7-b5! would now be deadly. **43.Rba1 Rb5 44.Nf5 Kd7** 0.01/23 Prevents Nc4-d6.
[44...Kb8∓ -0.36/25]
45.Nfe3 -0.38/23
[45.Kd1= 0.01/23]
45...Ra6 -0.01/22
[45...Nc5!∓ -0.38/23 deserves consideration.]
46.Kf3 Ne7 47.Rb2 -1.30/23
[47.Nd2= -0.08/20]
47...Rxb2∓ 48.Nxb2 Nc6 -0.76/22
[⌓48...b5 -1.23/24 49.Kg4 Nc6]
49.Nbc4 -1.29/26
[⌓49.Nf5 -0.76/22]
49...b5 50.Nd2 -1.43/25
[⌓50.Nb2 -1.05/24]
50...Rxa5

[Weaker is 50...Nxa5 51.Nb3 Rc6 *(51...e4+? 52.dxe4 Nxb3 53.Rxa6+-)* 52.Nxa5± *(52.Rxa5 Rxc3 53.Nd2 Rxd3±)*]

51.Rb1 -1.90/24

[51.Rxa5∓ -1.21/22 was necessary. Nxa5 52.Ke4]

51...Ne7-+ 52.Ne4 -2.11/21

[52.Kg4∓ -1.49/22]

52...c6 -1.02/23

[52...f5-+ -2.11/21 53.Nd2 Ra2]

53.g4 -2.33/24

[53.Kg4∓ -1.02/23]

53...Ra3 54.Kg2 -3.19/23

[⌓54.Nc2 -1.98/24 Ra2 55.Ne3]

54...Nd5

[Less strong is 54...Nf4+ 55.Kf1∓]

55.Nf5? -5.51/25

[55.c4 -2.84/21 keeps fighting. Ndf4+ 56.Kh2]

55...Nxc3 56.Nxc3 Rxc3 Endgame. KRN-KRN **57.Ra1 b4 58.Ra7+ Kd8 59.Nd6 Rxd3 60.Nc4 b3 61.Rb7 Kc8 62.Re7 Nf4+ 63.Kh2 Rd4 64.Na5 Rd7 65.Re8+ Kc7** (-> ...b3-b2) **66.Nxb3 Kd6 67.Nd2 Kd5 68.Kg3 c5 69.Rc8 Ra7 70.Nf1 Ne6 71.Ne3+ Ke4?** -1.55/24

[71...Kd4-+ -4.22/23 has better winning chances. 72.Rc6 Ng5 73.Rd6+ Ke4]

72.Rc6∓ Nd4 -0.73/26

[72...Re7-+ -1.77/25 And now ...Re7-e8 would win. 73.Nf5 Re8]

73.Rxc5

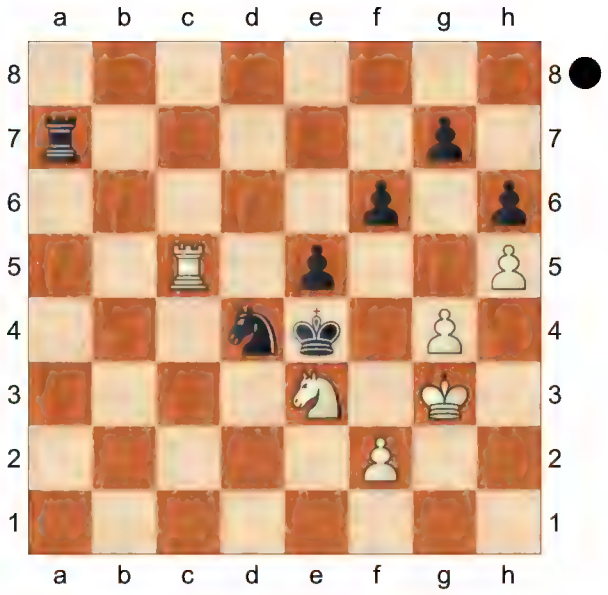
(Diagram)

Ne2+! 74.Kg2 Nf4+ 75.Kg3 Ra1 76.Rc7? -5.30/29

[76.Rc4+∓ -0.42/26 Kd3 77.Kf3]

76...Ne6? -0.40/25

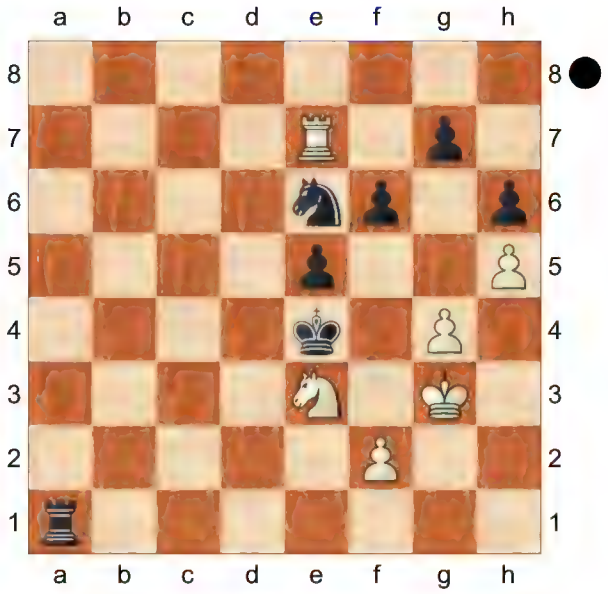
[76...Ne2+-+ -5.30/29 77.Kg2 Rg1+



78.Kh2 Kf3]

77.Re7? -2.33/26

[77.Rc4+∓ -0.40/25 Kd3 78.Rb4]



77...Ng5? -0.01/27

[Black should play 77...Nd4!-+ -2.33/26 78.Rxg7 f5]

78.Rxg7= Rg1+ 79.Kh2 Nf3+ 80.Kh3 Kd3 Strongly threatening ...Kd3-e2.

[80...f5!? 81.Nxf5 Ng5+ 82.Kh2 Rxg4 83.Ng3+ Kf3=]

81.Ra7 The position is equal. **81...e4 82.Ra3+ Ke2 83.Ra2+ Ke1 84.Ng2+**

Kf1 85.Ne3+ Ke1 86.Ng2+ Kf1 87.Ne3+ Ke1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.16 (very precise)

½-½

C50

□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2668**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2719**
Tashkent UzChess Masters (9) 14.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 Bb6 8.Na4 0-0 9.0-0 Re8

[9...Qe8 10.b4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Ne7 13.Ra2 Nh5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.g3 b5 16.Kg2 b6 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd2 d5 20.f3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Nf2 Rdf7 24.Kh2 Van Foreest,J (2695)-Giri,A (2772) NED-ch KO Utrecht 2023 (4.5) 0-1]

10.b4 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie.

[10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b3 Nd4 13.Nh2 d5 14.c3 Nc6 ...d5xe4 is the strong threat. 15.Qc2 a6 16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.Nf3 Rc8 18.Bb2 Sindarov,J (2578)-Grischuk,A (2731) Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup-A 1st 2023 (5) 1-0 b5 19.Rad1 dxe4 20.dxe4 Qe8 21.c4 bxc4 22.Qxc4 Nd4 23.Qd3 Nxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Rc2 25.Ba1 Qe7 26.b4 Nd7 27.Qd3 Rc7 28.Re2 Nf8 29.Qg3 Ng6 30.Red2 Rec6 31.Kh2 Kh7 32.Rd5 f6 33.Rd8 Sindarov,J (2578)-Grischuk,A (2731) Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup-A 1st 2023 (5) 1-0]

10...a6N

[10...Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.c4 *(12.Bb2 Nh7 13.Kh2 Ng5 14.Ng1* 15) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - D-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Dry d*)* 12...Ne7 13.Re1 *(13.Rb1 c6 14.Re1 Bc7 15.d4 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qe8 17.Nh4 c5 18.Qd1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxe4 20.Bb2 f5 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qd5 Ng5 23.f4 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Qg6+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rae8 27.Rxe6 Rxe6* Wafa,S (2137)-Stefanova,A (2416) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (2.13) 0-1*)* 13...c6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 Qc7 18.d4 Qe7 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Be3 Ngxe5 21.Nd4 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Nxe6 Nxe6 24.a4 g5 25.a5 Larand,M (2683)-Osnos,V (2780) 2016 (6) ½-½]

11.Nxb6 cxb6 12.b5N

[Vorgänger: 12.Re1 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Bb2 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd6 18.Qb3 Kollars,D (2648)-So,W (2757) Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid 2024 (2.2) ½-½]

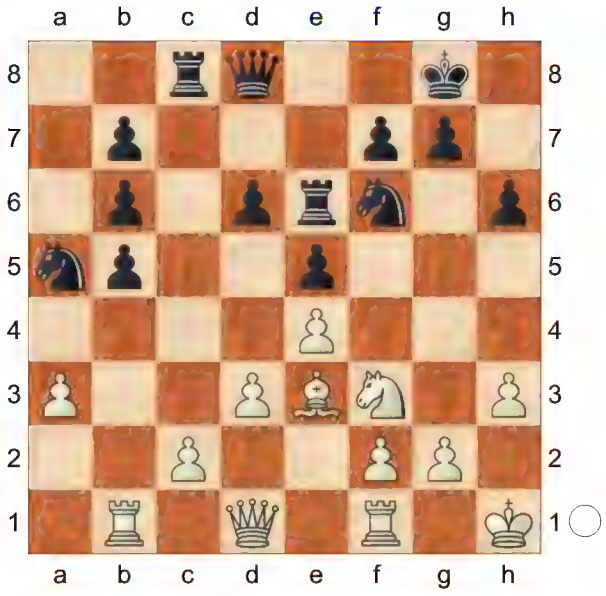
12...Na5 13.Ba2 axb5 14.Rb1 Bd7 0.26/19

[14...d5 -0.11/22 is more appropriate.]

15.Kh1 Rc8 16.Be3 Be6 0.60/22

[16...Rc3= 0.16/20]

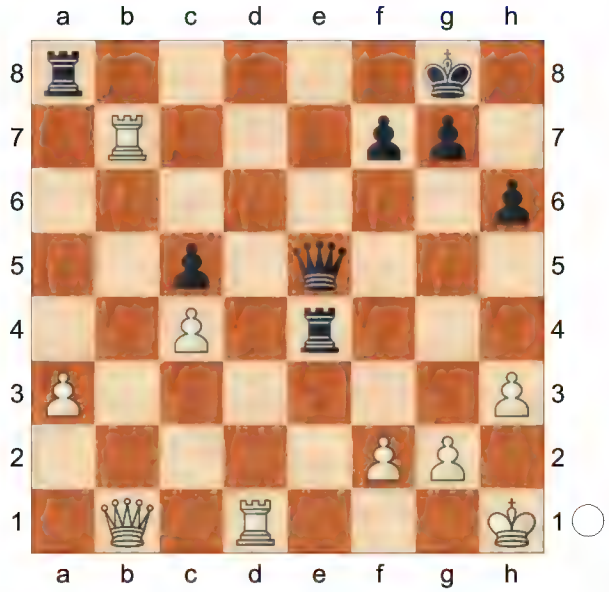
17.Bxe6± Rxe6



18.c4! Nc6

[18...bxc4? 19.Bxb6 *(19.Rxb6?*

Qd7∓) 19...Qd7 20.Bxa5+-]
19.Rxb5
[Reject 19.cxb5 Ne7=]
19...Nd7 20.Qb1 White is more active.
20...Nc5! 21.Rxb6 Ra8 22.d4
[22.Bxc5 simplifies dxc5 23.Rb3 Rf6 24.Nh2]
22...exd4 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Rxe4 25.Rd1 Qe7 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Rxb7 Qe5 0.82/23
[27...Qe8± 0.45/24 might be stronger.]

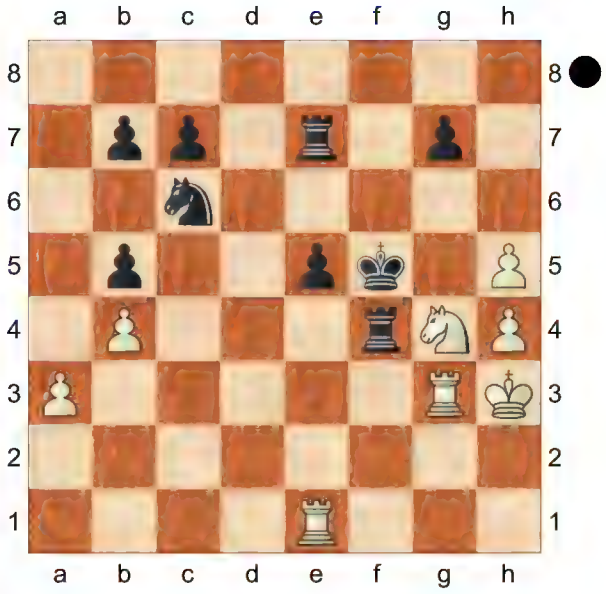


28.Rxf7! Decoy **28...Rb8! 29.Rb7 Rxb7 30.Qxb7** And now Rd1-d8+ would win. **30...Rxc4** Endgame. KQR-KQR **31.a4** Black must now prevent a4-a5. **31...Rd4 32.Rc1** aiming for a4-a5. **32...c4 33.g3 c3 34.Qb3+**
[34.Rxc3? too greedy. Qe1+ *(34...Rxa4 35.Re3±)* 35.Kg2 Qxc3-+]
34...Kh7 35.Rxc3 Qe4+ 36.Kh2 Rxa4 37.Rc8 0.05/29
[Better is 37.Rc7± 0.58/25]
37...Ra1= 38.Qg8+ Kg6 39.Qe8+ Qxe8 The position is equal. **40.Rxe8** KR-KR **40...Ra2 41.Rf8 h5 42.Kg2 Kh7 43.Kf3 g6 44.Rf7+ Kh6 45.Rf4 Kg7 46.Rb4 Kf6 47.Ke3 Rc2 48.Rb6+ Kg7 49.f3 Rh2 50.Rb7+ Kf6 51.h4 Ra2 52.Rb6+ Kg7 53.Rb5 Ra4 54.Rg5 Ra3+ 55.Kf2 Ra2+ 56.Kg1 Rb2 57.f4 Kh6 58.f5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
½-½

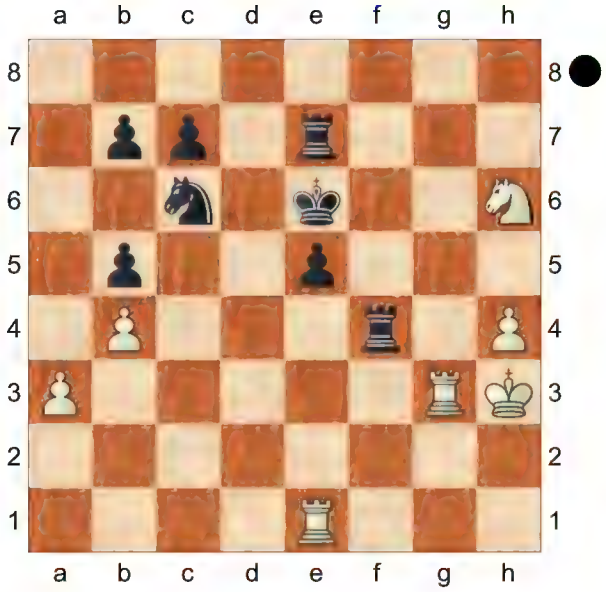
C50

□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** 2732
■ **Keymer,Vincent** 2726
Karlsruhe Grenke Playoffs 3-4 rapid (3)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.Nd5
[7.h3 Be6 8.Bb3 Qd7 9.0-0 Bxe3 10.fxe3 0-0-0 11.Ng5 Bxb3 12.axb3 h6 13.Nf3 g5 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Rxf6 a6 16.Qf3 Rh7 17.Nd5 Rdh8 18.Rf1 Rf8 19.Rxd6 Qxd6 20.Qf5+ Kb8 21.Qxh7 f6 Frenzel,L-Wolff,G corr_134172 1980 0-1]
7...h6 Prevents Be3-g5 **8.Nxb6N**
[8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 c6 12.Bb3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bc7 B5) Italian – 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3-Italian – 4.d3 h6 5.Nc3 #1]
8...axb6 9.a3 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c4 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Re1 Qd6 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Rc1 Rad8 17.h3 Qg6 18.Nh4 Qf7 19.Qg4 Rd6 20.Kh2 -1.06/21
[20.Nf3= -0.01/21]
20...Nf4!∓ 21.Bxf4 Qxf4+ 22.Qxf4 Remove Defender **22...Rxf4 23.Nf3 Rxd3 24.Re3 Rd5 25.g3 Rf7** Threatens to win with ...e5-e4! **26.Kg2 Re7 27.Rce1 Kf7 28.h4 Kf6 29.Nh2 Rd2 30.b4 b5 31.Kh3** -1.33/21
[⌓31.Nf3 -0.91/22 Rd5 32.h5]
31...h5
[31...Rxf2? 32.Ng4+ Kf5 33.Nxf2+-]
32.g4 -1.62/23
[32.Kg2∓ -0.98/20]
32...Rxf2-+ 33.gxh5 Nh2-g4+ is the strong threat. **33...Rf4** -0.75/22
[⌓33...Rf5! -1.36/23 34.Nf1 Rxh5]
34.Ng4+ -1.14/23
[⌓34.Rg3 -0.75/22]
34...Kf5∓ 35.Rg3



Ke6! 36.h6 -1.78/24
[36.Reg1∓ -1.26/22 keeps fighting.]
36...gxh6-+ 37.Nxh6

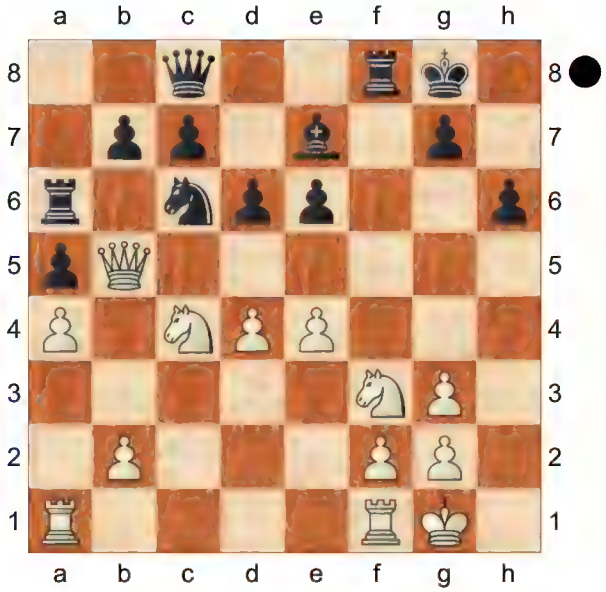


Nd4 -1.11/23
[37...Rh7!-+ -1.67/23 38.Rg6+ Kd5]
38.Ng4 -4.46/24
[38.Rg4∓ -1.11/23 is tougher. Rf3+ 39.Kg2]
38...Kd6? -1.13/22
[38...Nf3-+ -4.46/24 has better winning chances. 39.Re3 Ref7]

39.Rd3? -2.72/24
[39.h5∓ -1.13/22]
39...Kd5? -0.74/23
[39...Rh7-+ -2.72/24 is more deadly. Hoping for ...b7-b6. 40.Nxe5 *(40.Rxe5?* loses. *Rxg4-+* Remove Defender*)* 40...Rfxh4+ *(40...Rhxh4+ 41.Kg2∓)* 41.Kg2 Rh2+ 42.Kg3 R2h3+ 43.Kg2 Rxd3 44.Nxd3 Rh8]
40.h5∓ e4 0.01/20
[40...b6∓ -0.75/21 aiming for ...c7-c5. 41.Kg3 Rf8]
41.Ne3+= The position is equal. **41...Ke5 42.Ng4+ Kd5 43.Ne3+ Ke5 44.Ng4+ Kd5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=0.38
½-½

C50
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2729**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2671**
Dubai Police op-A (7) 10.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7 8.Bg3 8.Nbd2 is the modern continuation .8.Sbd2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **8...d6 9.a4 Be6N**
[9...g6 10.h3 Kg7 11.a5 a6 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.d4 Nh5 15.Bh2 exd4 16.Nxd4 Qd7 17.f4 Nxd4 18.Qxd4+ Kh7 19.Qd3 Rf7 20.Rf3 Raf8 21.Raf1 Ng7 22.g4 c6 23.Ne2 d5 24.c4 Woelwer,P (2774)-Trice,E (2765) New York IT 1924 (7.2) ½-½]
[9...Nh7 10.Nc3 Ng5 11.Nd2 Ne6 12.Nd5 Bg5 13.Nf3 Ne7 14.h4 Bf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.d4 g5 18.Nh2 gxh4 19.Re1 Kh8 20.e5 Qg5 21.Nf3 Qg4 22.exd6 h3 23.Bf1 hxg2 24.Be2 Sudgen,J (2778)-♘d7 10.d4 (2763) 79/(193) Polanica Zdroj 2000 0-1]
[9...a5]
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 Nh5 12.Nbd2 a5N
[Vorgänger: 12...Nxg3 13.hxg3 Bf6 14.a5 a6 15.b4 Qe8 16.Qb3 g5 17.g4 Bg7 18.b5 Nd8 0.78/21 *(18...axb5± 0.41/23 19.Qxb5 Ra7)* 19.bxa6 Rxa6 Demchenko,A (2654)-Yang,K (2481) Chess.com Rapid Wk17 Swiss 2022 (1) 1-0]
13.Qb3 Qd7 14.Qb5 Ra6 0.63/21
[14...Rad8= 0.18/19 deserves consideration.]
15.Nc4!±
[15.Qxb7? Rb6-+]
15...Qc8 16.d4 White is more active.
16...Nxg3 17.hxg3 exd4 18.cxd4



Rxf3! Remove Defender **19.gxf3** And now Ra1-d1 would win. **19...Nxd4 20.Qh5 Rc6! 21.Ne3**
[21.Nxa5? Rc5 22.Qh1 Rxa5-+]
21...Rc5⇄ Dodges f3-f4. Black is not holding back **22.Qh1 Qe8 23.Rfe1 e5**
[23...Qf7!? 24.f4□ e5-+]
24.Rad1 Qxa4 25.Qh5 White is weak on the dark squares **25...Qb3 26.Kg2 Qf7 27.Qg4 h5 28.Qc8+ Qf8! 29.Qxf8+**
[29.Nd5 with more complications. Bg5 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8 31.f4]
29...Kxf8 30.f4 h4 0.27/22
[⌓30...c6 -0.25/22]
31.Rc1 White has compensation.
31...Nb3 0.50/22
[31...exf4= -0.01/23 32.gxf4 *(32.Rxc5 f3+ 33.Kh3 dxc5=)* 32...Nb3 33.Rxc5 Nxc5]
32.Rcd1 -0.38/22
[32.Rxc5± 0.50/22 Nxc5 33.fxe5]
32...Nd4 0.24/22
[32...hxg3∓ -0.38/22 33.fxg3 a4]
33.Rh1 -0.23/22

[33.fxe5 0.24/22 is more appropriate. dxe5 34.gxh4]

33...Rb5 34.Rd2 exf4 35.gxf4 Ne6 36.Nd5 Rb3 1.08/23

[36...Bd8= -0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

37.f5± Nc5

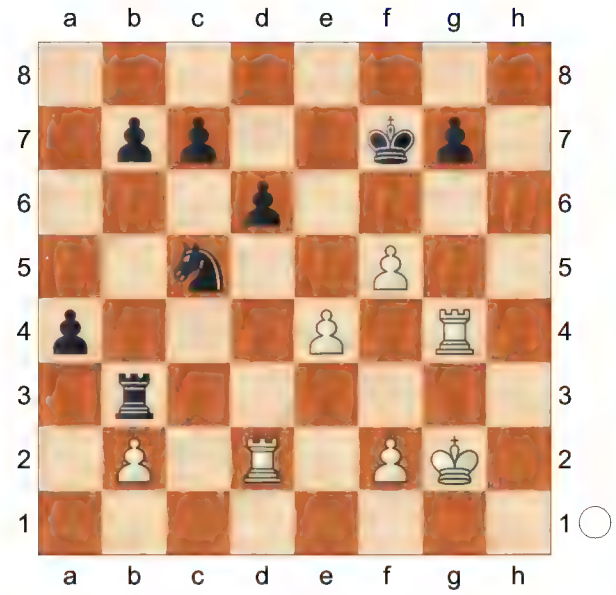
[37...Bg5? 38.fxe6 h3+ *(38...Bxd2? 39.Rxh4 Bh6 40.Rh5+-)* 39.Rxh3 Rxh3 40.f4+- *(40.Kxh3? Bxd2 41.e7+ Kf7-+)*]

38.Nxe7 Remove Defender **38...Kxe7**

39.Rxh4 Endgame. KRR-KRN **39...a4** 1.33/22

[39...Nd3!± 0.48/23 40.Rg4 Ne1+ 41.Kh1 Kf7]

40.Rg4 Kf7



41.Rc2! b6 42.f3 c6 1.96/22

[42...Kf6± 1.28/23 43.Kg3 Re3]

43.Kg3 0.83/26

[43.Rg6+- 1.96/22 has better winning chances. Nd3 44.Kg1 *(44.Rxd6? too greedy. Ne1+* Discovered Attack, Double Attack *45.Kg3 Nxc2-+; 44.Rxc6 Nf4+ 45.Kg3 Nxg6∓)*]

43...Nd3 44.Rxc6 Ne5 Dodges Rg4-g6

45.Rc7+

[Reject 45.Rxd6 Nxg4 46.Kxg4 Rxb2 47.Rd7+ Kf8=]

45...Kf6 46.Rgxg7 Rxf3+ 47.Kg2 Rb3 1.09/25

[47...Re3± 0.60/25]

48.Rg8 d5 49.exd5 0.13/23

[49.Rf8+± 1.04/24 Kg5 50.exd5 Rxb2+ 51.Kg3 Rb3+ 52.Kf2]

49...Rxb2+= The position is equal.

50.Kg3 Hoping for Rg8-f8+. **50...Kxf5**

51.d6 Rb3+ 52.Kf2 Strongly threatening d6-d7. **52...Ke6 53.Rd8** aiming for Rc7-e7+. **53...Rf3+ 54.Ke2 Rf7** Dodges Rc7-e7+ **55.Rc1** Rd8-e8+ would now be deadly. **55...Nd7 56.Rd1**

[56.Ra8 simplifies Kxd6 57.Rxa4 Nc5 58.Rd4+]

56...Rf8 Inhibits Rd8-e8+. **57.Rxf8 Nxf8** KR-KN **58.Kd3 Kxd6 59.Kc4+ Kc6 60.Kb4 Nd7 61.Kxa4 Nc5+ 62.Kb4 Ne6 63.Rc1+ Kd5 64.Kb5 Nd4+ 65.Kxb6 Ne6 66.Rd1+ Nd4 67.Rc1 Ne6 68.Kb5 Nd4+ 69.Kb4 Nc6+ 70.Kc3 Ne5 71.Re1 Nf3 72.Re2 Ne5 73.Re3 Nc6 74.Rd3+ Ke4 75.Rd1 Ne5 76.Rd6 Nf3 77.Rd8 Ne5 78.Re8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

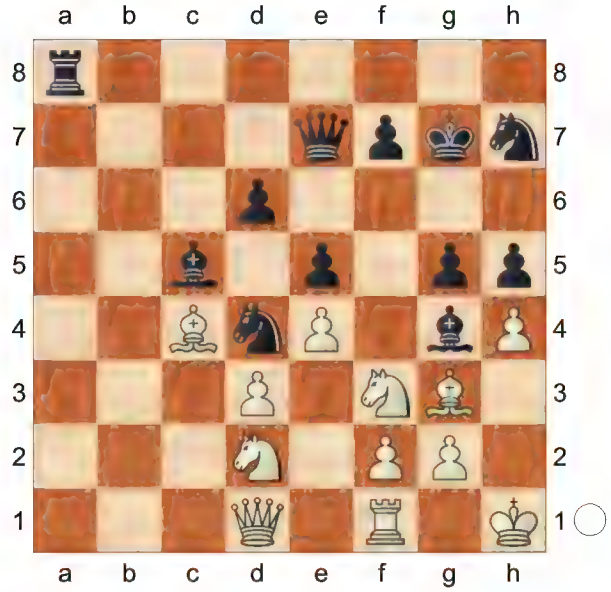
½-½

C50
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2729**
■ **Durarbayli,Vasif** **2628**
CrunchLab Masters Div 2 W rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

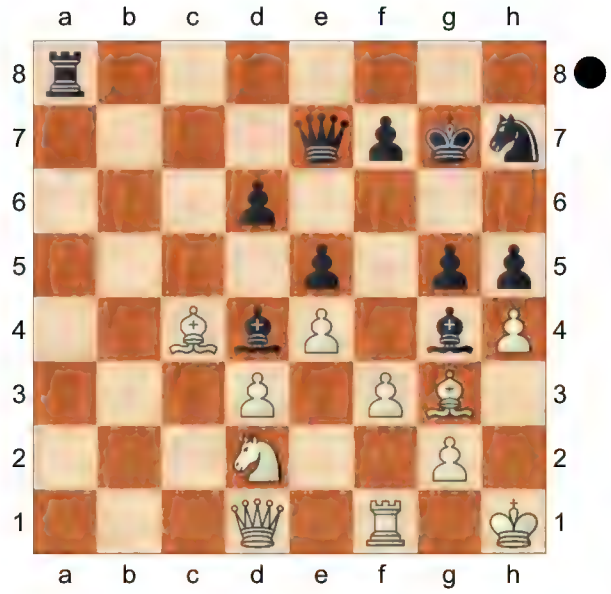
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
During the event, in public interviews, Magnus complained both of a lack of motivation, and later food poisoning, leading to him forcing a draw with the white pieces in the 2. classical game of this match, but for the deciding playoff both the joy and energy-level seemed to be there: Während des Turniers klagte Magnus in öffentlichen Interviews über mangelnde Motivation und später über eine Lebensmittelvergiftung, die dazu führte, dass er in der 2. klassischen Partie dieses Matches mit den weißen Figuren ein Remis erzwang, aber im entscheidenden Playoff schienen sowohl die Freude als auch die Energie vorhanden zu sein: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.a4 d6 6.0-0 a5 7.Bg5N**
[7.c3 Bb6 8.Bb3 Ne7 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Ng6 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Qe1 c6 13.Nh4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxh4 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Qxh4 Qxd3 17.Qg5 Be6 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Qxe5 Qd5 20.Qd4 h6 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8 Marciniak,M (2405)-San Segundo Carrillo,P (2511) Frunze 35/477 1983 (8) ½-½]
[7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ne7 *(9...Qe7 10.h3 Be6 11.Qe2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nb8 13.Qe1 b6 14.Qh4 Nbd7 15.g4 Nc5 16.b3 Rae8 17.Rf2 Nfd7 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Raf1 g6 20.Nfd2 Nb8 21.Nb1 Nc6 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5* Sjugirov,S (2699)-Matlakov,M (2673) Budapest Hetenyi Memorial 2023 (3) 1-0) 10.Nh4 c6 11.Qe1 d5 12.Bb3 Qd6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg5 g6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 Kg7 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Nxf6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Rad8 Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Carlsen,M (2835) FIDE World Cup 2023 (8.3) 0-1]
7...h6 8.Bh4 -0.23/20
[⌓8.Be3 0.14/20]
8...g5 Black has an edge. **9.Bg3 Bg4 10.c3 h5 11.h4 Nh7** 0.39/20
[11...Qe7= -0.08/19 is superior.]
12.Nbd2± Qe7 0.98/20
[12...Qf6= 0.25/19]
13.Bd5 0.59/18
[13.Qb3± 0.98/20]
13...Ba7

14.b4 -0.08/20 **axb4**
[14...gxh4 simplifies 15.Bxh4 Qxh4 16.Nxh4 Bxd1 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Rfxd1 axb4 19.cxb4 Ng5]
15.a5 Strongly threatening a5-a6.
15...Nd8!
[15...bxc3?! 16.a6 Bc8 17.axb7 Bxb7 18.Qb3±]

16.cxb4 c6 17.Bc4 Ne6 18.b5 0.03/21
[18.a6± 0.45/19 is more appropriate.]
18...cxb5!= 19.Bxb5+ Kf8 20.a6 bxa6 21.Bc4 Nd4
[21...Kg7!?]
22.Rxa6 Kg7 23.Kh1 -0.33/21
[23.Qa4= 0.10/22 Nxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Bxf3 Remove Defender 25.gxf3]
23...Bc5 24.Rxa8 Rxa8



25.Nxd4 -0.84/23 **Bxd4∓**
[25...Bxd1? loses. 26.Nf5+ Kf8 27.Nxe7+-]
26.f3!



Bd7 White is weak on the dark squares
[Much weaker is 26...gxh4?! 27.fxg4 Ra1 28.Qxa1 Bxa1 29.Rxf7+ Qxf7 30.Bxf7 hxg3 31.Bxh5=]
27.Qe2 gxh4 28.Bf2 Bxf2 29.Qxf2 Rf8 -0.23/20
[29...Qf6∓ -0.66/21]
30.f4 f5 31.fxe5
[31.Qa7 simplifies fxe4 32.fxe5 dxe5 33.dxe4 Rxf1+ 34.Bxf1 Nf6 35.Qc7]
31...dxe5
[31...fxe4 simplifies 32.Qa7 dxe5 33.dxe4 Rxf1+ 34.Bxf1 Nf6]
32.exf5 -0.47/24
[32.Nf3= -0.01/22]
32...Rxf5∓ 33.Nf3

h3! aiming for ...Bd7-c6. **34.Qg3+! Ng5**
35.Bd5 -1.04/23 Prevents Bd7-c6
[35.d4!∓ -0.52/25]
35...Kh6 0.00/26
[35...hxg2+∓ -1.04/23 36.Qxg2 Qf6]
36.Rg1 -1.07/26
[36.gxh3= 0.00/26 keeps the balance. Nxf3 37.Rxf3 *(37.Bxf3? perishes. Bc6-+)*]
36...e4 0.01/25
[36...Qf6∓ -1.07/26 White must now prevent ...h3xg2+. 37.Nxg5 Rxg5]

37.Bxe4= The position is equal.
[37.Nxg5 simplifies Qxg5 38.Qxg5+ Rxg5 39.Bxe4 hxg2+ 40.Rxg2 Bg4 41.d4]
37...Nxe4 38.dxe4 Qxe4
[38...h4 is more complex. 39.Qb8 Rf8 40.Qb2 Qxe4 41.Qd2+ Rf4]
39.Qxh3 Qg4 40.Qh2 And now Qh2-d6+ would win. **40...Rxf3**
[40...Qf4 simplifies 41.Rd1 Qxh2+ 42.Kxh2 Be8]
41.gxf3 Qxf3+ KQR-KQB **42.Qg2 Bc6 43.Qxf3 Bxf3+ 44.Kh2 Bg4 45.Kg3 Kg5 46.Rh1 Kf5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

C50

□ **Kollars,Dmitrij** **2648**
■ **So,Wesley** **2757**
Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.a3 0-0 8.0-0 h6 9.h3 Re8 10.b4 a6N

[10...Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.c4 Ne7 13.Re1 *(13.Rb1 c6 14.Re1 Bc7 15.d4 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qe8 17.Nh4 c5 18.Qd1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxe4 20.Bb2 f5 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qd5 Ng5 23.f4 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Qg6+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rae8 27.Rxe6 Rxe6* Wafa,S (2137)-Stefanova,A (2416) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (2.13) 0-1*)* 13...c6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 Qc7 18.d4 Qe7 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Be3 Ngxe5 21.Nd4 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Nxe6 Nxe6 24.a4 g5 25.a5 Larand,M (2683)-Osnos,V (2780) 2016 (6) ½-½]

[10...Nd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.c3 Bb6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bc2 d5 15.Qe2 dxe4 16.dxe4 Qe7 17.Bb2 Rad8 18.Nxb6 axb6 19.c4 Nd7 20.Rac1 f6 21.Bd3 Nf8 22.c5 bxc5 23.Rxc5 Rd7 24.Bc1 Red8 25.Bb1 Riazantsev,A (2626)-Gabrielian,A (2472) Cheliabinsk Kurnosov Memorial Rapid-A 2022 (6) 1-0]

11.Nxb6 cxb6 12.Re1 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Bb2 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5

(Diagram)

17.c4! Qd6

[17...bxc4 18.dxc4]

18.Qb3 Nh5 19.c5 Qe7 20.d4 exd4

White must now prevent ...Nh5-f4.

21.Rxe6 Qxe6 22.Qxe6

[22.Nxd4? is the wrong capture. Nxd4 23.Qxe6 Nxe6-+]

[22.Qc2 seems wilder. Nf4 23.Re1 d3 24.Qd2]

22...fxe6 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4=

Endgame. KRB-KRN **24...Rd8 25.Be5 Rd5 26.Re1** aiming for g2-g4. **26...Kf7 27.Re3**

[27.g4!? Nf6□ 28.Re3±]

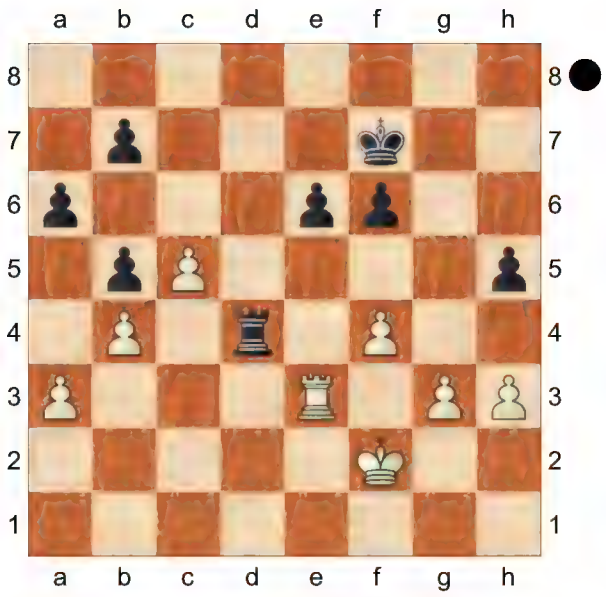
27...Nf6 28.Bxf6 gxf6± KR-KR. The position is equal. **29.f4 Rd4 30.g3 h5 31.Kf2**

(Diagram)

h4! 32.Kf3 hxg3 33.Kxg3 f5 34.h4 Rd1 35.Kg2 Rd2+ 36.Kg3 Rd1 37.Kg2 Kf6 38.h5 Rd4 39.Kg3 Rd1 40.Kg2 Rd4 41.Kg3 Rd8 42.Kf2 Rd2+ 43.Kg3 Rd4 44.Kf3 Rd1 45.Kg2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½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C50
□ **So,Wesley** 2757
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** 2830
Chessable Masters Div 1 Win rapid (1.4)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.a4
[7.Bg3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.Nbd2 Bf8 11.b4 Nh5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Bxf7+ Nxf7 15.Qxh5 a5 16.a3 Ne5 17.Qe2 g5 18.d4 Ng6 19.Nc4 Nf4 20.Qc2 b6 21.g3 Nh3+ MacDonald Ross,M (2515)-11. ♗e3 ♖g8 (2385) olm ENG-MGL 1994 (6.4) 1-0]
7...a5 8.Bg3 d6 White is slightly better.
9.Nbd2N
[9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Nh7 11.h3 Kh8 12.Nbd2 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.c3 Ng5 15.Nxg5 Bxg5 16.Nf3 Bf6 17.Qb3 Qd7 18.Qb5 Ra6 19.Qb3 Raa8 20.Rad1 Rae8 21.Nd2 Ne7 22.Bf7 Rb8 23.Ne4 Ng6 Larand,M (2720)-Cherkes,D (2666) British CF-15 London International 1922 (3.5) ½-½ 24.Bxg6 Bxg6 25.d4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 exd4 27.cxd4 b5 28.axb5 Qxb5 29.Qc3 Qd5 30.Ree1 Rb7 31.Bf4 Qb5 32.Be3 a4 33.Rd2 c5 34.Rc1 Qb4 35.Qd3 cxd4 36.Rc4 dxe3 37.Rxb4 exf2+ 38.Rxf2 Rxb4 Esipenko,A (2720)-Predke,A (2666) 74th ch-RUS 2021 (3.5) ½-½ 39.Qxd6 Rfb8 40.Rxf6 gxf6 41.Qxf6+ Esipenko,A (2701)-Indjic,A (2607) European Hybrid Swiss TB 2021 (7.2) 0-1]
9...0-0 10.c3 Nd7 11.Nf1 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bf6 13.Ne3 Re8 14.0-0 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Nd5 Nd7 17.Nd2 Ne7 18.Ne3 Bg5 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Bxf4 21.Rxf4 Nf6 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Rf5 Nxg4 24.Qxg4 Ne5 25.Qg3 Rg6 26.Qh3 Rf6 27.d4 Rxf5 28.Qxf5 Nd7 29.Rf1 Qe8 30.b3 Nf6 31.Re1 b6 32.h3 Qc6 33.Re3 Re8 34.Kf2 Kf8 35.Ke2 Qb7 36.g4 Qc8 0.73/24
[36...Kg8= -0.01/21 remains equal.]
37.Kd3
[37.Qxc8 simplifies Rxc8 38.Kd3 Rd8 39.Rf3]
37...Qxf5 38.gxf5± Endgame. KRN-KRN **38...g6 39.fxg6 fxg6 40.Nf3** 0.01/23
[40.Nc4± 0.78/24]
40...Nh5 0.45/24
[40...Kg7= 0.01/23 should be considered.]
41.h4 -0.07/24
[41.Kc4± 0.45/24]
41...Nf4+= 42.Kd2 Ng2 0.30/25
[⌓42...Kg7 -0.09/23]
43.Re2 Nf4 44.Re1 Kg7 45.e5 dxe5 46.Nxe5 g5 47.Rg1 Kf6! 48.Ng4+ Kg6 49.Ne5+ Kf5 50.hxg5 hxg5 51.Rh1 c5 52.Ke3 cxd4+ 53.cxd4 Rc8 54.Nc4

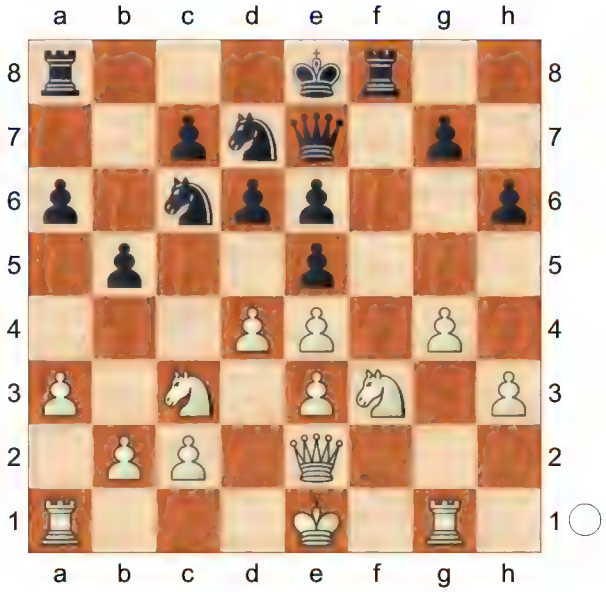
Threatens to win with Nc4-d6+.

54...Re8+ 55.Ne5! Rc8 56.Nc4
Hoping for Nc4-d6+. **56...Re8+ 57.Ne5!**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

C50

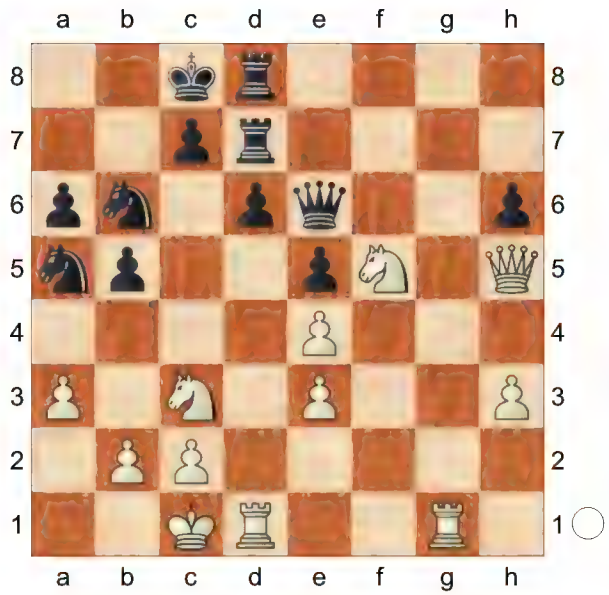
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2674**
■ **Sargsyan,Shant** **2649**
CrunchLab Masters Div 3 L rapid (5.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.a3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Be6 The main line 9...Be6 scores better than 9...0-0. Die Hauptvariante 9...Le6 punktet besser als 9...0-0. **10.Qe2N** The position is equal.
[Vorgänger: 10.Nd2 0-0 *(10...b5 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 d5 14.Nb3 Qd6 15.Rf3 Ne7 16.Raf1 c5 17.exd5 exd5 18.d4 cxd4 19.exd4 e4 20.R3f2 Nd7 21.Nd1 Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Rf8 23.Ne3 Rf6 24.c3 Kh8 25.Rxf6* Vidit,S (2724)-Santos Latasa,J (2665) WchT Final 13th rapid 2022 (3.1) 0-1 *Qxf6 26.Qg4 Nb6 27.Nc5 Nc4 28.Nxc4 bxc4 29.Qg3 Kh7 30.a4 Ng6 31.Nd7 Qf5 32.Ne5 Nf4 33.Qf2 Qf6 34.Kh2 Nd3 35.Qxf6 gxf6 36.Nd7 e3 37.Nxf6+ Kh8* 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Levchenko,M (2665) Jermuk FIDE GP 2009 (3.1) 0-1 *)* 11.Qe2 Bxc4 0.48/22 *(11...Bd7= 0.08/20)* 12.dxc4± Nb8 0.96/23 *(Black should play 12...Qd7± 0.38/20)* 13.g4 Ne8 14.h4 g6 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.h5 Kollars,D (2648)-Dominguez Perez,L (2748) Chess.com Classic Div 2 W rapid 2024 (1.1) 1-0]
[10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe1 Bxc4 12.dxc4 Nb8 13.Nh4 Nbd7 14.Nf5 g6 15.Qh4 gxf5 16.Qxh6 Nh7 17.Rxf5 f6 18.Raf1 Rf7 19.Qh4 c6 20.Ne2 Qb6 21.R1f3 Rg7 22.Rh5 Qxb2 23.Rg3 Ndf8 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 Martinez Alcantara,J (2619)-Tabatabaei,M (2689) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (2.4) 1-0]
10...b5 0.38/21
[10...Bxc4= 0.00/20 11.dxc4 Nb8]
11.Bxe6± fxe6 12.g4 Nd7 13.Rg1 Qe7 14.d4 Rf8 1.00/22
[14...Nb6± 0.35/17]



15.0-0-0 0.61/20
[15.d5!± 1.00/22 Na7 16.g5]
15...Nb6 16.g5 Strongly threatening Nf3-h4.
[16.d5!? Nd8 17.g5±]
16...0-0-0 17.d5 Na5 18.Nh4 Hoping for Nh4-g6. **18...Qd7 19.gxh6 gxh6 20.dxe6 Qxe6 21.Nf5 Rf7** 0.91/21
[21...Kb7± 0.39/19]
22.Qh5 0.20/21
[22.a4!± 0.91/21 c6 23.Qh5]
22...Rfd7 1.54/21
[22...Qc4= 0.20/21 remains equal.]

(Diagram)



23.Nd5!± White is more active.
[23.Nxh6?! Qc4=]
[23.Qxh6 Qxh6 24.Nxh6 Rh7∓]
23...Nxd5 24.exd5 Qf7 25.Qxf7 0.60/23
[25.Qxh6? Qxf5 26.Rgf1 Qh7-+ *(26...Rh7? 27.Qxd6-+)*]
[White should try 25.Rg6+- 1.68/22]
25...Rxf7± 26.e4
[26.Nxh6 Rh7 27.Nf5 Rxh3=]
26...Nc4! 27.Rg3 0.01/22
[27.Nxh6 Rf4∓]
[27.h4± 0.71/21]
27...Rdf8= 28.Rdd3 Rxf5 0.92/21
[28...Kb7= 0.01/23]
29.exf5 Endgame. KRR-KRN **29...e4** Against Rd3-f3 **30.Rd4 Rxf5 31.b3**
[31.Rxe4? gets mated. Rf1+]
31...e3 32.Rd1 Prevents Rf5-f1
[But not 32.bxc4?! Rf1+ 33.Kb2 e2=]
32...e2 33.Re1 Nxa3 34.Rxe2
[34.Kb2 is more complex. b4 35.Rg4 a5 36.c3]
34...Rxd5 1.35/22
[⌓34...b4 0.73/23]
35.Kb2 0.99/22
[⌓35.Re4 1.35/22]
35...b4± 36.Rg4 a5 37.c3 Rh5 1.48/24
[⌓37...h5 0.95/24 38.Rge4 Kb7]
38.cxb4 axb4 39.Rxb4 Nb5 40.Re7 Kb7 White is better. **41.Ree4 Rd5 42.h4 Kb6 43.Rg4** 0.60/23
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
[43.Re8± 1.18/23]
½-½

C50
□ **Kollars,Dmitrij** 2648
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** 2748
Chess.com Classic Div 2 W rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.h3 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 d6 The position is equal. **9.a3 Be6 10.Nd2**

[10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe1 Bxc4 12.dxc4 Nb8 13.Nh4 Nbd7 14.Nf5 g6 15.Qh4 gxf5 16.Qxh6 Nh7 17.Rxf5 f6 18.Raf1 Rf7 19.Qh4 c6 20.Ne2 Qb6 21.R1f3 Rg7 22.Rh5 Qxb2 23.Rg3 Ndf8 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 Martinez Alcantara,J (2619)-Tabatabaei,M (2689) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (2.4) 1-0]

10...0-0N

[10...b5 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 d5 14.Nb3 Qd6 15.Rf3 Ne7 16.Raf1 c5 17.exd5 exd5 18.d4 cxd4 19.exd4 e4 20.R3f2 Nd7 21.Nd1 Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Rf8 23.Ne3 Rf6 24.c3 Kh8 25.Rxf6 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Levchenko,M (2665) Jermuk FIDE GP 2009 (3.1) 0-1 Qxf6 26.Qg4 Nb6 27.Nc5 Nc4 28.Nxc4 bxc4 29.Qg3 Kh7 30.a4 Ng6 31.Nd7 Qf5 32.Ne5 Nf4 33.Qf2 Qf6 34.Kh2 Nd3 35.Qxf6 gxf6 36.Nd7 e3 37.Nxf6+ Kh8 Vidit,S (2724)-Santos Latasa,J (2665) WchT Final 13th rapid 2022 (3.1) 0-1]

11.Qe2 Bxc4 0.47/22

[11...Bd7= 0.07/19]

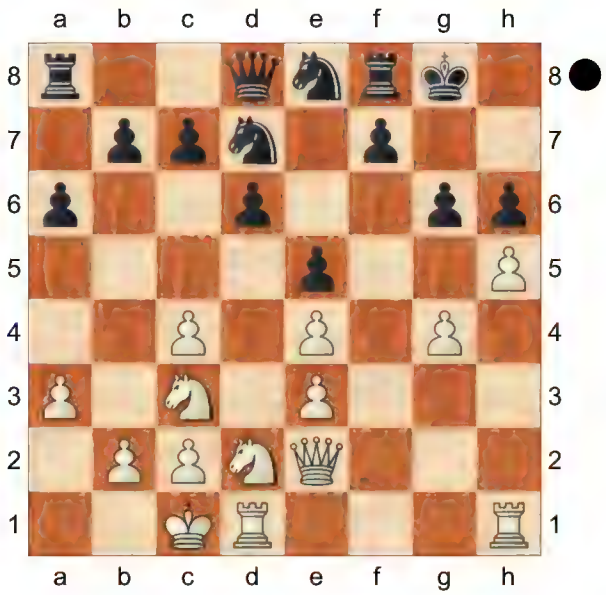
12.dxc4± Nb8 0.98/22

[12...Qd7± 0.39/21]

13.g4± Ne8 1.10/23

[13...g6± 0.66/20]

14.h4 g6 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.h5



And now h5xg6 would win. **16...g5 17.Nf1 Ng7 18.Ng3 f6 19.Rhf1 Rf7 20.Kd2** 0.80/22

[⌓20.Rf2 1.31/20]

20...Qf8 1.19/22

[⌓20...Nc5 0.80/22]

21.Ke1 0.75/20

[Better is 21.b3 1.19/22]

21...Rd8 22.Kf2 c6 23.a4 a5 24.Kg2 Nc5 25.Rd2 Rfd7 0.88/25

[Black should play 25...Qe7± 0.34/25]

26.b3 Rf7 27.Qd1 Rfd7 0.93/25

[27...Qe7± 0.50/25]

28.Rdf2 Rf7 29.Qd2 Qe7 30.Rd1 Qf8 31.Nce2 Qe7 1.67/22

[31...b6± 0.64/22]

32.Qxa5+- Qd7 33.Kh3 Qc8 34.Qe1 Active counter play! **34...d5** 3.15/21

[⌓34...Qa8 1.91/21 35.Qd2 b6]

35.cxd5

[35.exd5 f5+-]

35...cxd5 36.Qf1 1.46/24

[36.exd5 f5±]

[36.Rxd5+- 2.51/22 Rxd5 37.exd5]

36...Nxe4± 37.Nxe4 dxe4 3.29/23

[37...f5± 1.52/23 was necessary.]

38.Rxd8++-

[38.Rxf6? Rxf6 *(38...Rxd1? 39.Qxd1 Rxf6 40.Qd5+ Qe6 41.Qxe4-+)* 39.Qe1 Rxd1 *(39...Nxh5? 40.Rxd8+ Qxd8 41.gxh5-+)* 40.Qxd1 Nxh5 41.Qd5+ Rf7 42.Qxe4 Nf6 43.Qg6+ Kf8-+ *(43...Kh8? 44.Qxf7 Qxg4+ 45.Kh2-+)*]

38...Qxd8 39.Ng3 Qd5? 5.08/24

[39...Kf8 2.86/21 40.Qb5 *(40.Nxe4 f5+-)* 40...f5 41.gxf5 *(41.Nxf5 Nxf5 42.Rxf5 Rxf5+-)* 41...Ne8 42.Qxe5 *(42.Nxe4 Qd1+-)* 42...Kg8]

40.Qb5 Qe6 41.Qf1? -0.01/18

[41.Nxe4 f5 42.gxf5 Nxf5=]

[41.Qc4+- 3.35/23]

41...Qc6 3.21/25

[41...Qd5!= -0.01/18 42.Rxf6 Rxf6 43.Qxf6 Qe6 44.Qxe6+ *(44.Nxe4 Qxf6 45.Nxf6+ Kf7+-)* 44...Nxe6]

42.Qg2 f5 43.gxf5

[43.Nxf5 Nxf5 44.Rxf5 Rxf5 45.gxf5 Qd5]

43...Ne8 44.Qxe4 Qd6 4.07/23

[44...Qc7 2.81/23 was called for. 45.f6 Qd7+ 46.Kh2 Rxf6 47.Rxf6 Nxf6 48.Qg6+ *(48.Qxe5? Ng4+ 49.Kg2 Qd2+ 50.Kf3 Nxe5+-+)* 48...Qg7]

45.Qd3 2.10/21

[⌓45.f6 4.07/23 Strongly threatening Qe4-g6+. Qd7+ 46.Kg2 Rxf6 47.c4 *(47.Qxe5 Rxf2+ 48.Kxf2 Qd2+ 49.Ne2 Ng7+-)*]

45...Qc6 3.12/23

[⌓45...Qxd3 2.10/21 46.cxd3 Nf6]

46.Qe4? -0.01/22

[46.Qb5+- 3.12/23]

46...Qd6= 47.Qc4 Nf6 48.Ne4 Nxe4 49.Qxe4+- Endgame. KQR-KQR

49...Qd1 50.Qf3

[50.Qxe5 Qxh5+ 51.Kg3 Qh4+ 52.Kg2 Qg4+ 53.Qg3 Qb4+-]

50...Qg1 5.74/25

[50...Qxf3+ 2.96/25 51.Rxf3 Rc7]

51.f6? 1.68/25

[51.Rf1 5.74/25 g4+ 52.Qxg4+ Qxg4+ 53.Kxg4]

51...e4? 6.71/25

[51...Kh8 1.68/25 52.Qf5 Qh1+ 53.Kg3 Qh4+ 54.Kf3 *(54.Kg2 Qxh5 55.Rd2 Rf8+-)* 54...Qxh5+ 55.Ke4 Qh1+ 56.Kxe5 Qc6]

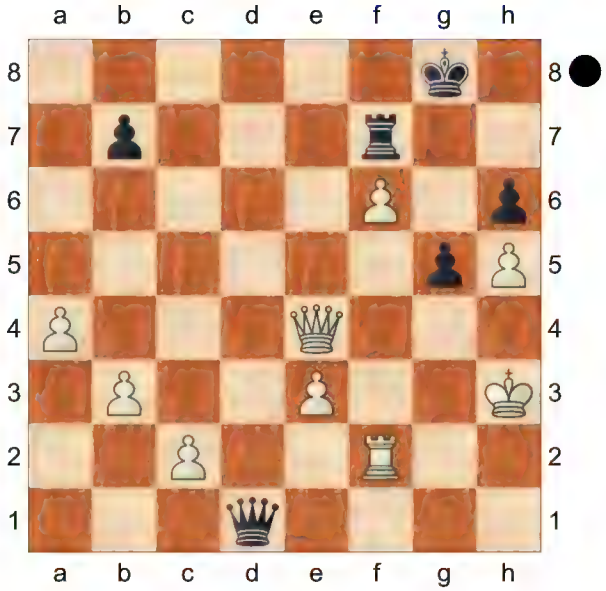
52.Qg2 3.27/26

[⌓52.Qxe4 6.71/25 Intending Qe4-e8+ and mate. Kf8 *(52...Qxf2 53.Qe8+ Rf8 54.Qg6+ Kh8 55.Qg7#)* 53.Qe6 g4+ 54.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 55.Kxg4]

52...Qd1 5.06/25

[⌓52...Qxg2+ 3.27/26 53.Kxg2 Rd7 54.f7+ Kf8]

53.Qxe4



Qe4-e8+ would kill now. **53...Qxh5+ 54.Kg2 g4 55.Qf4 Kh7 56.e4 Qh3+ 57.Kg1 h5** 10.41/24

[⌓57...g3 4.15/22]

58.e5 g3 59.Rg2 h4 60.Qe4+ Kh6 61.Rd2 6.24/22

[⌓61.e6 13.09/26 Rxf6 62.e7 *(62.Qxb7 Qxe6)*]

61...Kg5 62.Qe3+ 5.10/23
[⌓62.e6 13.02/24 Threatening mate with Rd2-d5+. Rxf6 63.Rd5+ Rf5 64.Rxf5+ Qxf5 65.Qxf5+ *(65.Qxb7? is a self mate. Qf2+ 66.Kh1 Qh2#)* 65...Kxf5 66.e7 Ke6 67.e8Q+ *(67.e8R+ Kd7+-)* 67...Kd6 68.a5]
62...Kg6 63.Qe4+? -0.01/18
[63.e6+- 6.55/24 Rxf6 64.Qd3+ Qf5 65.Re2 Qxd3 66.cxd3]
63...Kg5!= 64.e6 Wards off Rf7-d7. White wants to mate with Rd2-d5+.
64...Rxf6 65.Rd5+ Kh6 66.Qe3+ White mates. **66...Kg7 67.Qg5+ Kh7 68.Rd7+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.64
1-0

C50
□ **Predke,Alexandr** **2673**
■ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2706**
ITA-chT GpA 55th (6.1) 11.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.Be3 7.Bg5 is setting a new trend.7.Lg5 setzt einen neuen Trend.

[7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Bg5 Qe7 10.Na3 Bd7 11.Qe1 Ne6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qe3 Rg8 14.Rf2 Rg6 15.Raf1 Nf4 16.Kh1 a6 17.g3 Nh3 18.Rd2 Bg4 19.Be2 Bxe2 Laznicka,V (2659)-Pavasovic,D (2579) EU-ch 11th Rijeka 2010 (6) ½-½]

7...Nc6 8.f4 exf4N Black has an edge.

[Vorgänger: 8...0-0 9.Nc3 d6 0.23/20 *(⌓9...exf4* -0.30/21 *10.Bxf4 Qe7)* 10.f5!= Na5 0.69/20 *(10...Nd4!=* 0.09/19 *)* 11.Be2 Strongly threatening Be3-g5. b6 1.05/20 *(11...Nc6±* 0.41/20 *)* 12.Bg5 0.66/21 *(12.Qe1±* 1.05/20 *)* 12...h6 1.28/21 *(12...c6±* 0.66/21 *)* 13.Bh4 0.55/21 *(13.Bxf6±* 1.28/21 *Qxf6 14.Nd5)* 13...Bb7 1.36/21 *(13...c6±* 0.55/21 *)* 14.b4 Nc6 Tikhonov,V (2201)-Levitan,C (2219) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Aug Early blitz 2023 (3) 1-0]

[8...Qe7 9.Nc3 d6 10.f5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Qf8 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nd5 0-0-0 14.b4 Qh6 15.a4 Rde8 16.Rf3 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Rxe7 18.b5 Kb8 19.a5 Bc8 20.b6 Rd8 21.bxc7+ Rxc7 22.Bd5 Qf8 23.Rb3 Maldonado Gonzales,S (1638)-Ramirez Pereales,J (1514) ch M/ME-63 corr 1963 (3) 1-0 Rc5 24.a6 Rd7 25.axb7 Bxb7 26.Qb1 Qc8 27.Qa2 a5 28.Rab1 Rcc7 29.c4 Qe8 30.Qxa5 Qe7 31.Ra3 Rc8 32.Rxb7+ Rxb7 33.Qa8+ Kc7 34.Qxb7+ Kd8 35.Qxc8+ Kxc8 36.Ra8+ Kc7 37.Ra7+ Kd8 38.Rxe7 Claro Molinares,S (1638)-Pilonieta Forero,A (1514) COL-ch U18 Bogota 2023 (3) 1-0]

9.Bxf4 This pair of bishops is nice. **9...d6 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Bg5 Ne5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7** 0.45/21

[13...Nxd7= -0.01/20 14.Qd4 Rg8]

14.Nc3!± 0-0-0 15.Nd5 h5 16.Qd4 Kb8 17.Nxf6 Qc6 18.c3 h4 19.h3 Rh6 20.Rf5 Qb5 21.Rd1! Rc8

[21...Qxb2? 22.Qxe5 Qxa2 23.Qd4+-]

22.b3 0.51/22

[22.Rd2± 0.90/20]

22...Rg6 0.99/22 Prevents Nf6-g4.

[22...Qe2± 0.51/22 is more appropriate. 23.Qd2 Qxd2 24.Rxd2 Rg6]

23.Rd2 0.60/23

[Better is 23.c4± 0.99/22 Qa6 24.Qf2]

23...b6 24.c4 Qc6 1.42/23

[Black should try 24...Qa6 0.88/24]

25.Qf2 0.58/24

[25.Rxe5!± 1.42/23 Rxf6 *(25...dxe5? 26.Nd7+ Kb7 27.Nxe5+-)* 26.Re7]

25...Rg3 26.Rd5 Rh8 27.Nh5 Rg6 28.Qxh4 Rhg8 29.g3 a6 30.Qf4 Kb7 31.Kh2 a5 1.46/22

[⌓31...Rh8 0.93/22]

32.a4± Rh8 33.Nf6 Rhh6 34.Kg2! Rh8 2.51/23

[34...Ka7± 1.46/24 35.Qf2 Ka6]

35.h4+- Rgh6 36.h5 Rxf6 37.Rxf6 Rxh5 38.Rh6? 0.34/25 Wards off Qc6-e8

[38.Rxf7+- 1.97/23 Rf7-e7 would now

be deadly. Qe8 39.Rf8]
38...Ng6± 39.Rxg6
[39.Qxf7 Rxh6 40.Qg7 Nh4+ 41.gxh4 Rxh4=]
39...fxg6= Endgame. KQR-KQR **40.Qf7** Wards off Rh5-h7
[40.Rxh5 simplifies gxh5 41.Qf3 Ka7 42.e5]
40...Rh8
[40...Rxd5 simplifies 41.Qxd5 Qxd5 42.exd5 c6]
41.Qxg6 Qd7! 42.Rh5 Prevents Qd7-h3+. Active counter play! **42...Re8 43.Rh4 Qc6 44.Qf7 Re5!** Inhibits Qf7-d5.
[44...Rxe4? 45.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 46.Qf3 Qxf3+ 47.Kxf3+-]
45.Rf4 Kb8
[45...Rxe4? 46.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 47.Qf3 Qxf3+ 48.Kxf3+-]
[45...Ka7 simplifies 46.g4 Rxe4 47.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 48.Kf2 Qd4+]
46.Kf3 Qc5 47.Rf5⇄ aiming for Qf7-g8+. White is not keeping still **47...Qg1**
[47...Qa3 simplifies 48.Rxe5 Qxb3+ 49.Kg4 dxe5 50.Qg8+ Ka7]
48.Qg8+ Ka7 49.Rxe5 Qd1+ 50.Kg2! dxe5± KQ-KQ **51.Qf7 Qe2+** 0.85/25
[51...Qc2+± 0.40/26 52.Kh3 Kb7]
52.Kh3± Qxe4 53.Qxc7+ Ka6 54.Qc8+ Ka7 55.Qd7+ Kb8 56.Qd8+ 0.56/26
[56.Qd6++- 1.78/25 Ka7 57.c5 Qh1+ 58.Kg4 Qe4+ 59.Kh5 Qf3+ *(59...Qf5+ 60.Kh4±)* 60.Kh4 Qe4+ 61.g4 Qh1+ 62.Kg5 Qc1+ 63.Kg6 Qc2+ 64.Kf6 bxc5 65.Qd7+ *(65.Qxe5 Qf2+ 66.Kg6 Qc2+ 67.Kg7 Qxb3+-)* 65...Kb6 66.Qe6+ *(66.Kxe5 Qe2+ 67.Kf6 Qf3+ 68.Kg6 Qxb3=)* 66...Ka7 67.Qxe5 *(67.Kxe5 Qd2+-)*]
56...Ka7±

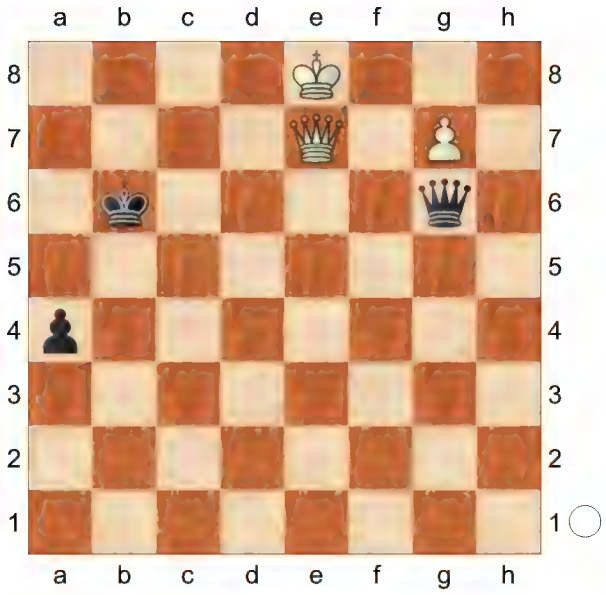
57.c5 0.01/28 **Qh7+= 58.Kg4 Qg6+ 59.Kf3 Qc6+ 60.Ke3 Qxc5+ 61.Ke4 Qb4+ 62.Kxe5 Qxb3 63.Qd7+ Ka6 64.g4 Qc3+ 65.Kf5** With the idea Qd7-b5+. **65...Qc5+ 66.Kf6 b5 67.axb5+ Qxb5**
[67...Kb6 keeps more tension. 68.g5 a4 69.g6 a3]
68.Qe6+ Kb7 69.g5 Black must now prevent g5-g6. **69...Qb2+ 70.Kf7**
[70.Qe5!? Qb6+□ 71.Kf7=]
70...Qf2+ 71.Ke8 Hoping for g5-g6. **71...Qg3?** 1.67/27
[71...Qd4= 0.01/24]
72.g6+- a4! 73.Qe7+ Kb6? 9.82/26
[73...Kb8± 0.88/25]
74.g7 Qg6+

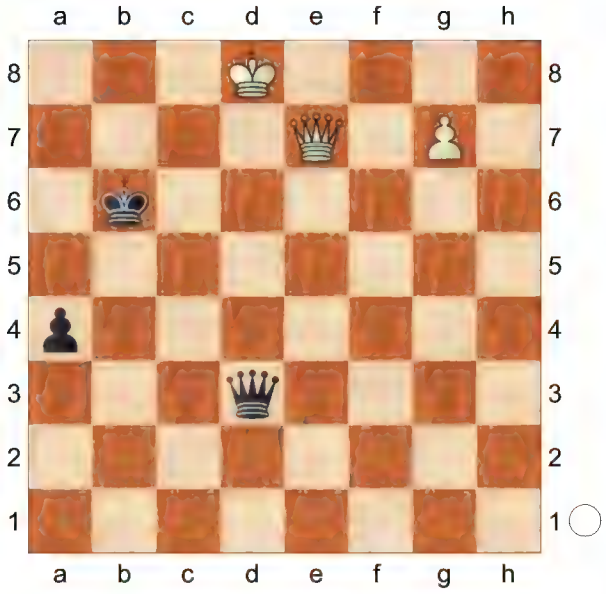
(Diagram)

75.Kd8! White threatens Qe7-b4+ and mate. **75...Qd3+**

(Diagram)

76.Qd7! Qc4 77.Qd6+ Kb7 78.Qe7+ 7.30/30
[⌓78.Ke7 #20/24 a3 79.Qd7+





(79.Qxa3 Qe4+ 80.Kf8 Qf5+ 81.Ke8 Qb5+ 82.Kf7 Qh5+ 83.Ke7 Qe5+ 84.Kf7 Qd5+ 85.Kf6 Qd4+ 86.Kf5 Qd5+ 87.Kg4 Qd4+ 88.Kh3 Qd7+ 89.Kh2 Qxg7=) 79...Kb6 80.Qd8+ Kb5 81.g8Q *(81.g8R Qh4+ 82.Ke8 Qxd8+ 83.Kxd8 a2=; 81.Qe8+ Kb4+-)* 81...Qh4+ 82.Kd7 Qd4+ 83.Kc8]

78...Kb6 79.Qf6+ Ka7 80.Qe7+? -0.01/23

[White must play 80.Qg5+- 14.14/25 Qg8+ 81.Ke7]

80...Kb6!= 81.Qe3+? 3.45/23

[81.Qg5 9.55/27 Qc7+ 82.Ke8 Qc6+ 83.Kf7 Qc4+ 84.Kg6]

81...Ka6? #21/24

[81...Kb7+- 3.45/23 82.Qe7+ Kb6]

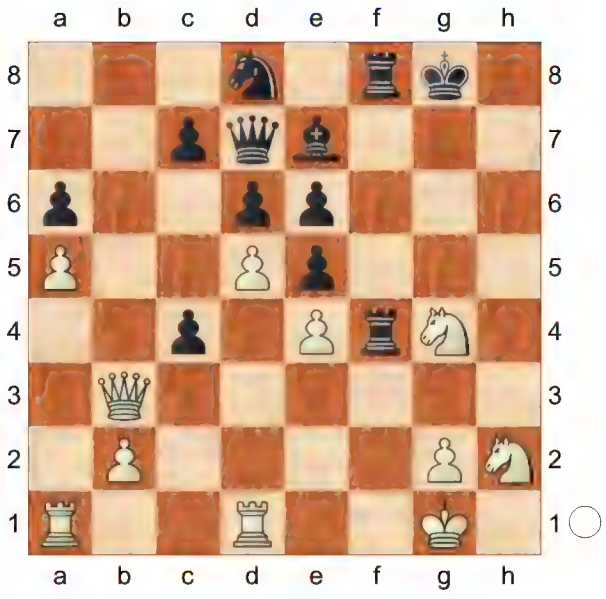
82.Ke7 White mates. **82...Qc7+ 83.Kf6 Qd8+ 84.Qe7 Qd4+ 85.Kf7**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

1-0

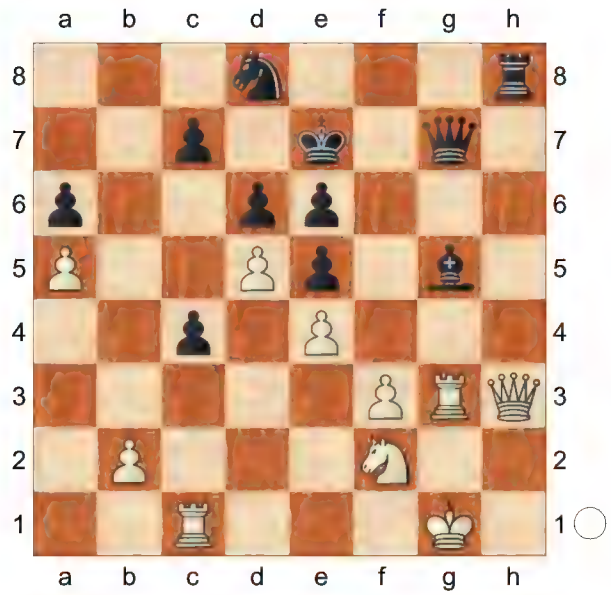
C50
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2794**
■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**
CCT Final KO rapid (1.24) 14.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.a5!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1]
9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3N
[Vorgänger: 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Final KO rapid 2023 (1.22) ½-½ c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 24.fxe5 Nxg3 25.Nxg3 dxe5 26.Rf7 Qd8 27.Qe6 Bf8 28.Nf5 Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Qg5 30.Nh4 Bb4 31.Nf3 Qg6 32.Qxg6+ Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) ½-½]
11...b5 12.Qb3 Qd7! 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 0.53/21
[Better is 16...Bf6= -0.11/19]
17.Bxf4± Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 -0.01/20
[20.c4± 0.55/20 b4 21.Nh2 *(21.Qxb4 h5±)*]
20...h5=
[20...Rxe4 21.Qc2 Ref4 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.Qxg5+ Qg7 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.dxe6 *(27.f3 exd5 28.Rxd5 Ne6±)* 27...Nxe6 28.f3]
21.Ne3 -0.40/21
[21.c4!= 0.20/20 Nb7 *(21...Rxe4? 22.cxb5 Qxb5 23.Qxb5+-)* 22.cxb5]
21...g4!∓
[21...Rxe4 22.Qc2 Ref4 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.dxe6 *(24.Qxh5+ Kg7±; 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.g3 Rf3-+)* 24...Qxe6 *(24...Nxe6? 25.Nxe5 Qc8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Ng6+-)* 25.Qxh5+ Kg7 26.Nxg5=]
22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 0.97/23
[23...Bg5!= -0.28/20 keeps the balance.]
24.Nexg4± R2f4 25.c4↑ Qb3-g3 is the strong threat. White has strong initiative.
25...bxc4? 2.47/22
[25...exd5± 0.89/20 26.Qh3 Qe8]



26.Qg3!+-
[26.Qxc4 exd5 27.Qxd5+ Qe6=]
26...Kh7
[26...Rxe4? 27.Nxe5+ Kh8

28.Nxd7+-]
27.Qh3+ Kg8 28.Ra3 Bg5 3.94/23
[⌓28...Nf7 2.64/23]
29.Rg3 Hoping for Ng4-h6+. **29...Qg7**
30.Nf3
[30.Nh6+ Bxh6 31.Rxg7+ Kxg7 32.dxe6 Re8]
30...Rxf3
[Don't go for 30...exd5? 31.Nxg5 Rxg4 32.Rxg4+- *(32.Qxg4 d4+-)*]
31.gxf3 Kf7 32.Nf2 Ke7 2.94/21
[⌓32...Qh6 1.81/21 33.Kg2 Qxh3+ 34.Nxh3 Be3 35.Ng5+ Ke7]
33.Rc1 1.52/21
[33.Qg2+- 2.94/21 Nf7 34.Rc1]
33...Rh8? 4.59/24
[33...Rxf3± 1.52/21 is tougher. 34.Rxc4 Rxg3+ 35.Qxg3 Kd7]



34.Qg4 White is clearly winning.
[34.Rxc4 Rxh3 35.Nxh3 Be3+ 36.Kg2 Qh8 37.Rxc7+ Kf6-+]
34...Nf7 6.51/23
[⌓34...Rg8 4.39/22 35.Rxc4 Kd7]
35.Rxc4 Kd8 36.dxe6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.61
1-0

		C50
□	**Caruana,Fabiano**	**2794**
■	**Carlsen,Magnus**	**2830**

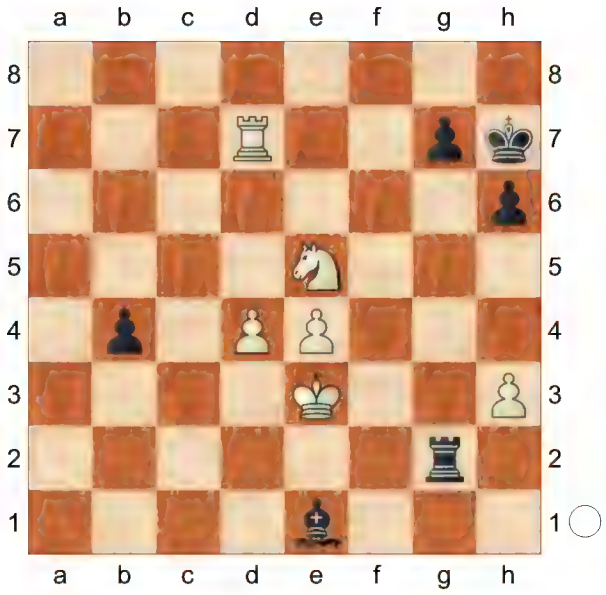
CCT Final KO rapid (1.22) 14.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.a5
[9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1]
9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0N
[11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 24.Nexg4 R2f4 25.c4 bxc4 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.9) 1-0]
11...b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 Prevents Qd7-b5. **19...b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8! Rxa8 22.h3** next f2-f4 is good for White. **22...Rc8** 0.65/20
[22...Rf8= 0.01/21]
23.f4!± Nh5 1.03/23
[23...Rc5!± 0.43/23]
24.fxe5± Nxg3? 2.73/20
[24...dxe5± 1.08/22 25.Bxe5 Rc5]
25.Nxg3+- dxe5? 4.40/24
[25...Qe8 1.82/21 26.e6 Rc5]
26.Rf7! Qd8 Black is weak on the light squares **27.Qe6?** 1.91/24
[27.Qxb5 Kg6 28.Qb3 Qe8=]
[27.Nh5 5.14/26 Bf8 28.Qe6 *(28.Qxb5 Qg5±)*]
27...Bf8 5.11/24
[27...Bh4 1.91/24 28.Nh5 *(28.Qxe5 Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Bxg3+ 30.Kxg3 Qg5+ 31.Qxg5 hxg5±)* 28...Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Rc7 30.Nxg7 Rxf7 31.Qxf7 Qe7 32.Qxe7 Bxe7]
28.Nf5 2.15/24
[⌓28.Nh5 5.11/24 Kh8 29.Qf5 *(29.Qxe5 Rc5±)*]
28...Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Qg5 30.Nh4
[30.Rxf8? Qf4+ 31.Ng3 Qxf8 32.Qxe5 b4-+]
30...Bb4 31.Nf3 Qg6 32.Qxg6+
[32.Qxe5? Qxf7 *(32...Bd6 33.Rxg7+ Qxg7 34.Qxd6=)* 33.b3 Qc7 *(33...Qxb3? 34.Qh5-+)* 34.Qxc7 Rxc7-+]
32...Kxg6 33.Nxe5+± Endgame. KRB-KRN **33...Kh7 34.Rd7** Dodges Bb4-d6
34...Rc2 35.Rxd4 0.47/24
[35.b3+- 1.72/23]
35...Bd2 0.92/25
[35...Rxb2± 0.47/24 36.Rd5 Bc3]
36.Kg3 Be1+ 1.43/24
[⌓36...Rxb2 0.92/24 37.h4 Be1+ 38.Kh3 Bc3]
37.Kf3 Rf2+ 38.Ke3 And now Ne5-f3 would win. **38...Rxb2** 1.57/22
[⌓38...Rxg2 0.97/21 39.Rd8 Rxb2]
39.Rd7 0.83/22
[White should play 39.Rd5 1.57/22]
39...Rxg2 40.d4 Hoping for d4-d5.
40...b4 1.60/22
[40...Bd2+!± 0.69/22 41.Kd3 Bf4]

(Diagram)

41.Rb7 0.98/20
[⌓41.Nf3! 1.60/22 Bg3 42.Rb7]
41...Bc3 2.30/21



[41...Bd2+± 0.98/20 was necessary. 42.Kd3 Bf4]

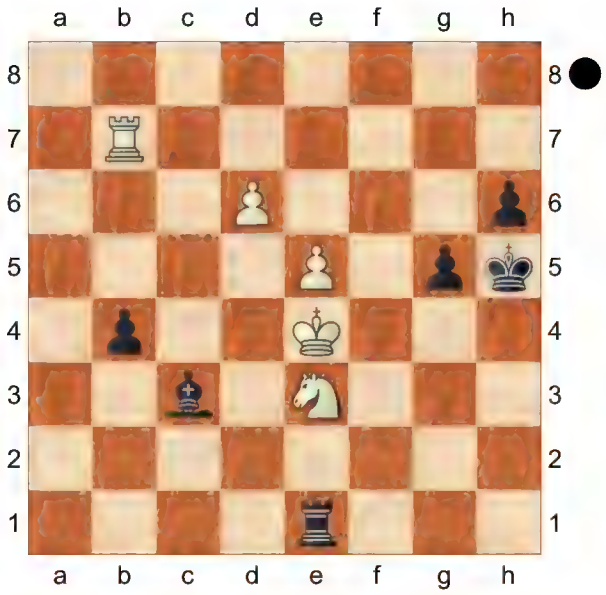
42.Nf3+- Rg3 3.30/23

[42...Ra2 2.15/21 might work better. 43.e5 Ra5]

43.d5 Kg6 44.Kf4 Rxh3 45.e5 Rh1 46.d6 Rd1 47.Nh4+? 0.01/24

[47.Ke4+- 3.05/22]

47...Kh5!= 48.Nf5 g5+ 49.Ke4 Re1+ 50.Ne3⇄



Threatens to win with d6-d7. White puts up resistance **50...Bxe5!** Decoy **51.d7**

[51.Rxb4? is the wrong capture. Bxd6 52.Rb5 Bf4-+]

51...Bf6 52.Rxb4 aiming for Ke4-f5!

52...g4 0.96/23

[52...Be7= 0.05/25 keeps the balance.]

53.Kf5 0.00/37

[Better is 53.Rb5+!± 0.96/23 Kh4 54.Kf4]

53...Rxe3 The position is equal. **54.Kxf6** KR-KR **54...Rd3 55.Ke6** White threatens Rb4-b5+ and mate. **55...Kh4 56.Rb5** Intending Rb5-d5 and mate. **56...Rxd7 57.Kxd7** KR-KPP **57...g3 58.Ke6 g2 59.Rb1 Kg3 60.Kf5 h5 61.Rb3+ Kh2 62.Rb2 h4 63.Kg4 h3 64.Rb1 g1R+ 65.Rxg1 Kxg1 66.Kxh3** Black defended with fortune.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.32

½-½

C50

□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** 2677

■ **Svane,Rasmus** 2633

Crunchlab PlayIn Match D3 rapid (1.3)

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.a3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Na4 Bb6 9.b4N

[9.h3 Be6 10.Bxe6 *(10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Re1 Qe8 13.c3 Qg6 14.Be3 Nh5 15.Nh4 Qf7 16.a4 Ne7 17.g3 Nf6 18.Kh2 d5 19.f3 Rad8 20.Qe2 Nh5 21.Rf1 Ng6 22.Ng2 Nf6 23.Bg1 Rd7 24.Ne3 Rfd8* Vaisman,V (2601)-Voelkl,S (2600) (m/1) 100/177 2007 (11) 1-0 *25.Rad1 c6 26.b4 Ra8 27.Ra1 Kh7 28.Ng4 Qe7 29.Bxb6 Nxg4+ 30.fxg4 d4 31.cxd4 exd4 32.Bc5 Qg5 33.h4 Qe3 34.Qxe3 dxe3 35.d4 e5 36.h5 Nh8 37.dxe5 Re8 38.Rae1 Nf7 39.Bxe3 Nxe5* Paravyan,D (2601)-Svane,F (2600) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Early blitz 2023 (11) 1-0*)* 10...fxe6 11.c3 Qe8 12.b4 Ne7 13.c4 *(13.Ra2 Nh5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.g3 b5 16.Kg2 b6 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd2 d5 20.f3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Nf2 Rdf7 24.Kh2 Qd7 25.Be3 Nh7 26.Kg2 d4 27.cxd4 exd4* Van Foreest,J (2695)-Giri,A (2772) NED-ch KO Utrecht 2023 (4.5) 0-1*)* 13...Bd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.f4 Kh7 16.Bd2 e5 17.c5 b6 18.Nb2 b5 19.a4 a6 20.Qb3 Nc6 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.f5 Qd7 23.Nd1 d5 Piccoli,L (2220)-Proudian,A (2431) Niteroi op 3rd 2023 (4) ½-½]

9...Re8!? An interesting side line.

Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

10.Re1 White is slightly better. **10...Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.c4 Ne7N**

[Vorgänger: 12...Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qd1 Qd7 16.f4 -0.43/22 *(16.a4= 0.28/19)* 16...exf4∓ 17.Bxf4 b5 18.cxb5 Qxb5 Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Kovalev,V (2623) Chess.com Rapid Wk23 Swiss 2022 (7) 0-1]

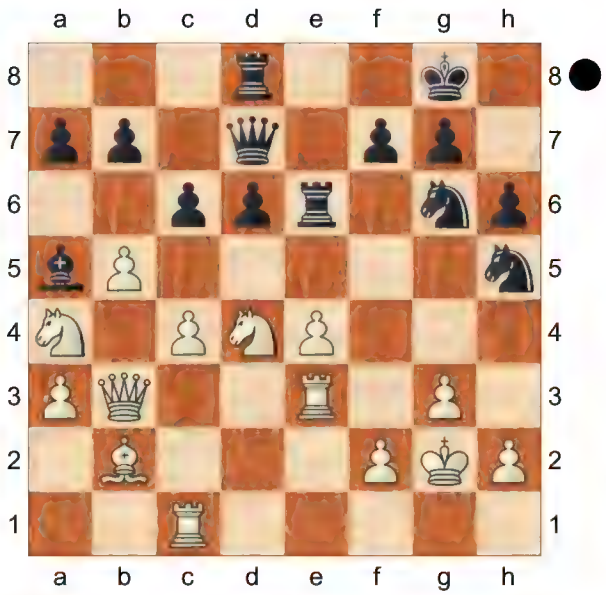
13.Bb2 Ng6 14.Rc1 c6 15.g3 Bc7 16.Kg2 Qd7 17.Qb3 -0.49/19

[17.Nc3= -0.03/20 might be stronger.]

17...Rd8 18.b5 -0.74/18

[18.h3= -0.29/18 is more appropriate.]

18...Nh5 19.d4 Ba5 20.Re3 exd4 21.Nxd4



Bd2! ...c6xb5! is the strong threat.

22.Nxe6

[22.bxc6 bxc6]

22...Qxe6 23.Rc2 -1.26/22

[23.bxc6!∓ -0.43/20 Bxc1 *(23...bxc6 24.c5±)* 24.Bxc1 bxc6 25.Nb2]

23...Bxe3∓ 24.Qxe3 a6 -0.01/21

[24...Nhf4+∓ -1.21/21 25.Kg1 *(25.gxf4? Qg4+ 26.Kf1 Qd1+*

27.Kg2 Qxc2-+) 25...Nh3+ 26.Kh1 Ng5]

25.bxc6 -0.51/22

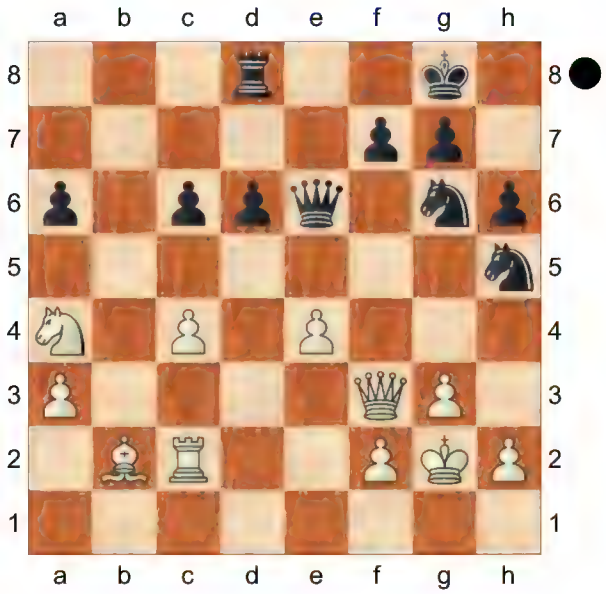
[25.Rd2= -0.01/21]

25...bxc6 0.01/21

[Better is 25...Nhf4+∓ -0.51/22 26.Kg1 *(26.gxf4? Qg4+ 27.Kh1 Qd1+ 28.Kg2 Qxc2-+)* 26...bxc6]

26.Qf3? -2.89/24

[26.h3= 0.01/21 and White stays safe.]



26...Re8? -0.13/21

[26...Nhf4+!-+ -2.89/24 27.Kg1 d5]

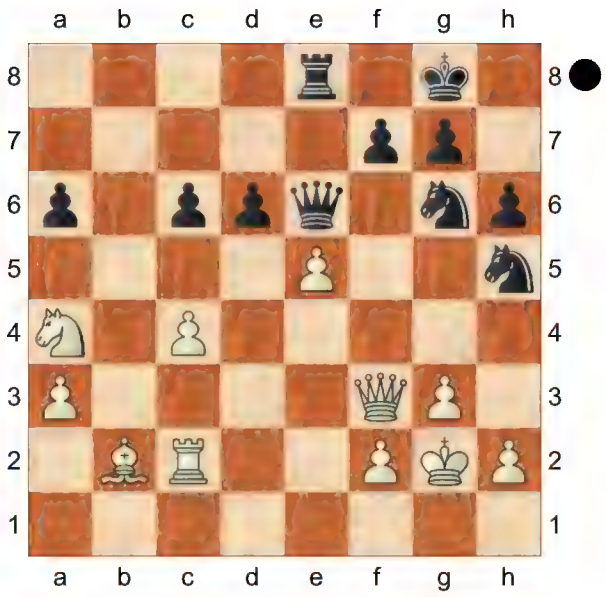
27.e5? -6.04/21

[27.Qxh5? too greedy. Qxe4+ 28.Qf3 Qxc2-+]

[27.Qf5= -0.13/21 Qe7 *(27...Qxe4+ 28.Qxe4 Rxe4 29.Rd2=)* 28.Kf1 *(28.Qxh5? Qxe4+ 29.Qf3 Qxc2-+; 28.e5 Nhf4+ 29.Kg1 Ne6∓)*]

(Diagram)

27...Nh4+!-+ Clearance **28.gxh4 Qg6+ 29.Kh3 Qxc2 30.exd6 Qxa4 31.d7 Rd8 32.Qe3 c5 33.Kg4 Qxd7+**



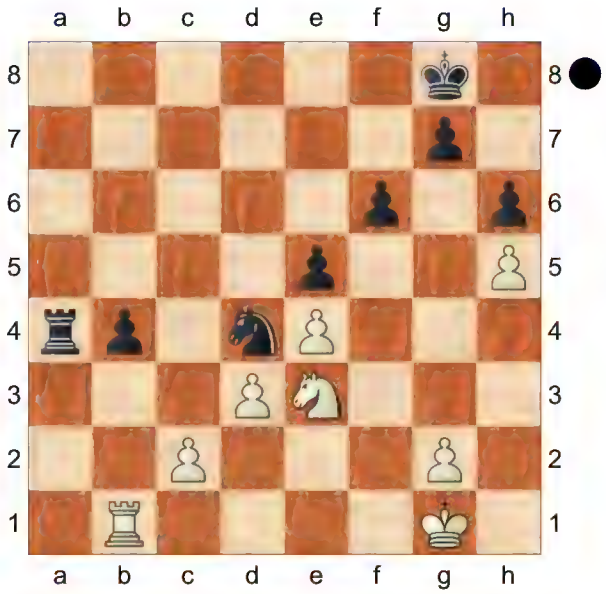
34.Kxh5 Qf5+

Weighted Error Value: White=1.04/ Black=0.52

0-1

C50
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** 2679
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** 2654
Chess.com Play In Match Div 3 rapid (1.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a3 h6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 d6 9.0-0 0.02/20
[9.d4⩲ 0.40/20]
9...Be6N
[9...0-0 10.d4 b5 *(10...exd4 11.exd4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 d5 13.Bd3 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Qd6 15.c3 Bd7 16.Bc2 Rae8 17.Nd2 Qd5 18.Rf2 Na5 19.a4 Nc4 20.Bb3 b5 21.Qf1 Be6 22.axb5 axb5 23.Re1 Qc6 24.Nxc4 bxc4 25.Bd1* Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Svidler,P (2688) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (10) ½-½*)* 11.Ba2 Bg4 12.Qd3 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Ne7 14.Ne2 Qc8 15.Ng3 Qg4 16.Raf1 Qh4 17.c4 bxc4 18.Qxc4 c6 19.Qb4 Rad8 20.h3 a5 21.Qxa5 d5 22.exd5 exd4 23.dxc6 dxe3 24.Qc5 Adams,M (2672)-Royal,S (2504) British Championships 2024 (9) ½-½]
10.Nd2 0-0 11.Qf3 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Ba2 Bxa2 14.Nxa2 c5 15.Rf2 Nc6 16.Raf1 Nh7 17.Nc3 Ra7 18.Qg3 Qg5 19.Qh3 Ne7 20.Rf3
[20.Nd5 is interesting. Qg6 21.b3 Ng5 22.Qg4]
20...Qg6 21.Rg3 Ng5 22.Qh4 -0.55/21
[White should try 22.Qg4= 0.07/22]
22...Qe6 0.01/22
[22...f5!∓ -0.55/21]
23.Nf3 Nxf3+ 24.Rgxf3 b4 25.Nb1 -0.44/22
[25.Nd5= 0.21/22]
25...Qa2 -0.01/22
[25...c4∓ -0.44/22]
26.Qf2! Ng6 0.46/22
[26...Qxb2= -0.22/23 27.Rxf7 Rxf7 28.Qxf7+ Kh7]
27.axb4 -0.67/24
[27.b3!⩲ 0.46/22]
27...cxb4∓ 28.Nd2 d5 0.14/21
Prevents Nd2-c4. Black is more active.
[Better is 28...Qxb2∓ -0.83/22 29.Nc4 Qc3]
29.exd5= Qxd5 30.h4 Ne7 31.h5 Rc7 32.e4
[32.Ne4 looks sharper. f6 33.Nxf6+ gxf6 34.Rxf6 Rxf6 35.Qxf6 Kh7 36.e4]
32...Qc5 0.37/24
[32...Qe6= 0.01/22 33.Nc4 b3]
33.Nc4⩲ Qxf2+ 34.R3xf2 Nc6 35.Ra1 a5 36.b3 0.01/27
[36.Kf1⩲ 0.37/22]
36...Ra8= 37.Kh2 Nd4 38.Ra2 f6 39.Nb6 Rb8 40.Nd5 Rc5 41.Ne3 Ra8 42.Kg1 a4 43.bxa4 Rca5 44.Rf1 Rxa4 45.Rxa4 Rxa4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **46.Rb1**

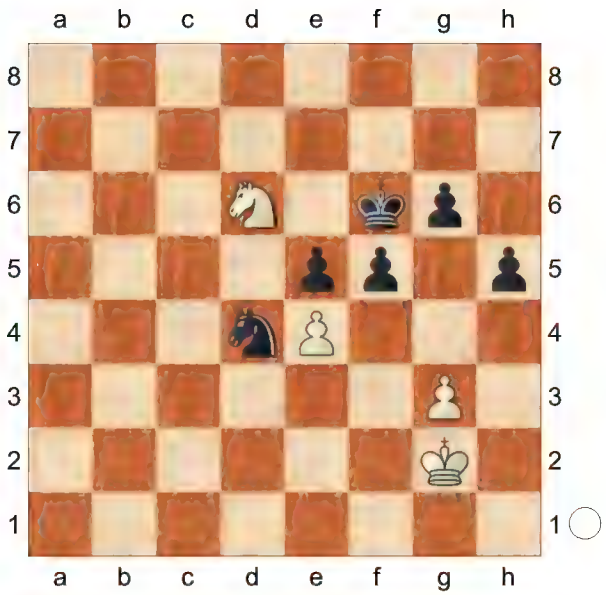


b3! 47.c3
[47.cxb3 Rb4]
47...Ne2+ 48.Kh2 Nf4 49.Rxb3

[49.c4 feels hotter. Rb4 50.c5 Kf7 51.c6]
49...Nxd3 50.Rb8+ Kh7 51.c4 Nf4 52.Rb7 Nxh5 53.g3 -1.04/26
[53.Nf5= -0.01/26 keeps the balance.]
53...Kg6 0.00/25
[Black should play 53...Ra2+∓ -1.04/26 54.Kh3 Nf4+ 55.gxf4 Ra3]
54.Kh3? -2.96/26
[54.Rb3= 0.00/25]
54...Kg5? 0.01/25
[54...Ra3-+ -2.96/26 55.Nf5 Kg5]
55.Rc7? -4.27/25 This costs White the game.
[55.c5= 0.01/25 Ra3 *(55...Rxe4 56.Rb3=)* 56.Nd5 Rxg3+ 57.Kh2]
55...g6 -2.13/24
[⌓55...Ra3 -4.27/25 56.Nf1 Nf4+ 57.Kh2 Ra2+ 58.Kh1 Ne6]
56.Nf1-+ Ra3 57.c5? -4.64/26
[57.Kg2 -1.68/23]
57...Nf4+ 58.Kh2 Ne6 59.Rc6 Nd4 60.Rb6 Rc3 61.Rb2 Rxc5 62.Kh3 Rc2 63.Rxc2 Nxc2 KN-KN **64.Nd2 Nd4** Prevents Nd2-f3+. **65.Nc4 h5 66.Nd6** -7.39/29
[⌓66.Kg2 -4.50/29]
66...f5 67.Kg2 Kf6

(Diagram)

Strongly threatening ...Kf6-e6. **68.Ne8+** -11.37/30
[⌓68.exf5 -4.24/27 gxf5 69.Nc4]
68...Ke7 69.Nc7 fxe4 70.Kf2 Nf5 71.Nd5+ Ke6 72.Nc3 Nd6 ...Ke6-f5 would now be deadly. **73.Nd1 Kf5** Threatens to win with ...Kf5-g4. **74.Ne3+ Kg5 75.Kg2 Nf5 76.Nc4 Kf6 77.Nd2 Nd6 78.Kf2 g5 79.Ke3 Kf5 80.Kf2 Kg4** And now ...h5-h4 would win. **81.Kg2 e3 82.Nf1 Nc4 83.Nh2+ Kf5 84.Kf3**



g4+ Black mates. **85.Ke2 Ke4 86.Nf1 Kd4 87.Nh2 Nd2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

		C50
□	**Mamedov,Rauf**	**2651**
■	**Nakamura,Hikaru**	**2788**

Chessable Masters Div 2 Lose rapid (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 h6 6.Be3 Bb6 7.a4 d6 8.Nd5N

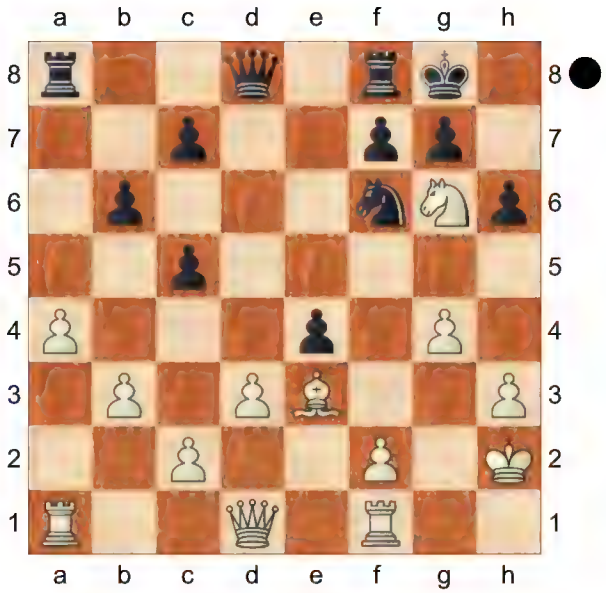
[8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Be6 10.Nd2 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Qf3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Qg5 14.Rae1 Nd4 15.exd4 Bxd4+ 16.Kh1 Qxd2 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Qxc2 19.Rxf7 Rxf7 20.Qxf7+ Kh8 21.Rf1 Qxa4 22.Bd5 Qe8 Alekseenko,K (2675)-Amin,B (2682) ESP-chT Rapid 2023 (9.2) 1-0 23.Qxc7 Qd8 24.Qf7 Bc5 25.Rf3 Qe7 26.Qxe7 Bxe7 27.Rf7 Rd8 28.Bxb7 Bc5 29.Be4 Bd4 30.b4 Rc8 31.Kh2 Kg8 32.Rd7 Rb8 33.Bb7 Rf8 34.Bd5+ Kh7 35.Be4+ Kg8 36.b5 Bb6 37.h4 h5 Alekseenko,K (2707)-Le,Q (2728) Chess.com Rapid Wk24 KO 2022 (1.1) 1-0 38.Kh3 Rd8 39.Re7 Bd4 40.Bg6 Kh8 41.Bxh5 Bc5 42.Rxe5 Rxd3+ 43.Bf3 Bb6 44.Re8+ Kh7 45.Kg4 Rd8 46.Be4+ g6 47.Re7+ Kh6 48.Re6 Rg8 49.h5 Kg7 50.Bxg6 Rd8 51.Be4 Bc5 52.Rc6 Bb6 Brodsky,M (2675)-Kostka,V (2682) 99/(108) Brno 2006 (9.2) 1-0]

8...Be6 **9.Nxb6** White has an edge. **9...axb6 10.Bb5 0-0 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 c5 13.b3 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Kh2 d5 16.g4 Bg6** 0.65/22

[16...dxe4= 0.01/22 17.Nxe5 Qe7]

17.Nxe5± dxe4 18.Nxg6

(Diagram)



Remove Defender **18...fxg6 19.dxe4 Nxe4 20.Qxd8 Raxd8 21.a5 bxa5** 0.88/24

[Black should play 21...Ra8± 0.33/22]

22.Kg2 0.25/24

[22.Rxa5± 0.88/24 c4 23.Ra4 *(23.bxc4 Nd2=)*]

22...c4= 23.Ra4 The position is equal. **23...Nd2 24.Bxd2**

Remove Defender **24...Rxd2 25.Rxc4** Endgame. KRR-KRR **25...Rf7 26.Rc5 g5 27.Kg3 Re7 28.h4 gxh4+ 29.Kxh4 Ree2 30.Rxc7 Rxc2 31.Rxc2 Rxc2**

32.f4

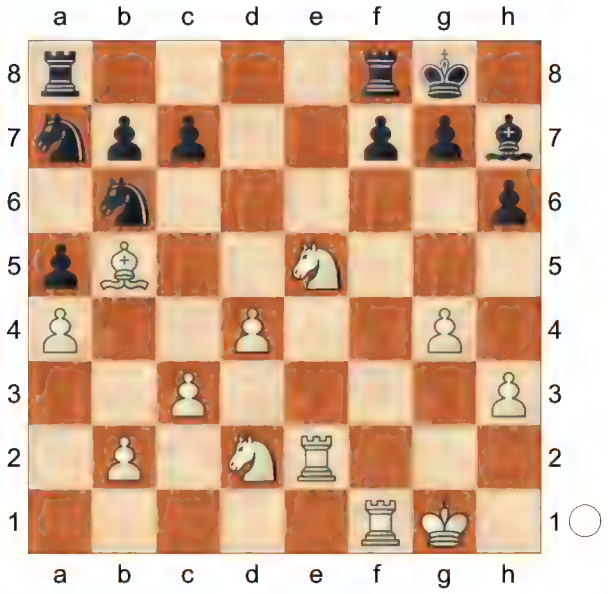
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

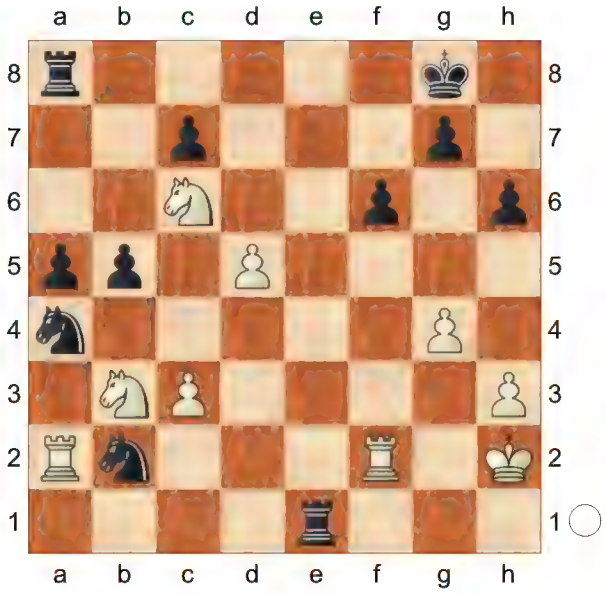
C50

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** 2771
■ **So,Wesley** 2752
Saint Louis Blitz (3) 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a4 a5 6.0-0 h6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 The position is equal. **8...0-0N**
[8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qe1 0-0 11.Nbd2 Be6 12.c3 f5 13.Nh4 Qg5 14.Ndf3 Qf6 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.e4 Qf7 17.Ng5 Qxf1+ 18.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 hxg5 20.exd5 Bf7 21.dxc6 Bxc4 22.cxb7 Rb8 23.dxc4 Anton Guijarro,D (2655)-Sadzikowski,D (2503) CZE-chT 2223 2022 (11.4) 1-0]
9.Nbd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Be6 12.Rae1 Qe7 13.c3 Nb6 14.Bb5 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6 17.d4! exd4 18.exd4 Qxe2 19.Rxe2 Na7 20.Ne5 Bh7
[20...Nxb5 21.Nxg6 fxg6 22.axb5]



Hoping for ...Na7xb5. **21.Bd3 Bxd3 22.Nxd3 Nxa4 23.Nb3** -0.38/23
[23.Re7= -0.01/20 was preferrable.]
23...Nc8!∓ 24.Ra1 -0.74/24
[24.Re5= -0.23/21 keeps the balance.]
24...b5∓ 25.Ne5 -1.65/22
[25.Ndc5∓ -0.92/21 was worth a try. Ncb6 26.Rae1]
25...Re8-+ ...f7-f6 is the strong threat.
26.Rf2 Nd6 27.Ra2 -2.43/21
[27.Kg2∓ -1.57/21]
27...f6 28.Nc6 Nc4 White must now prevent ...Nc4xb2. **29.d5 Re1+ 30.Kh2 Ncxb2**
[Less strong is 30...Nab6 31.Nbd4∓]



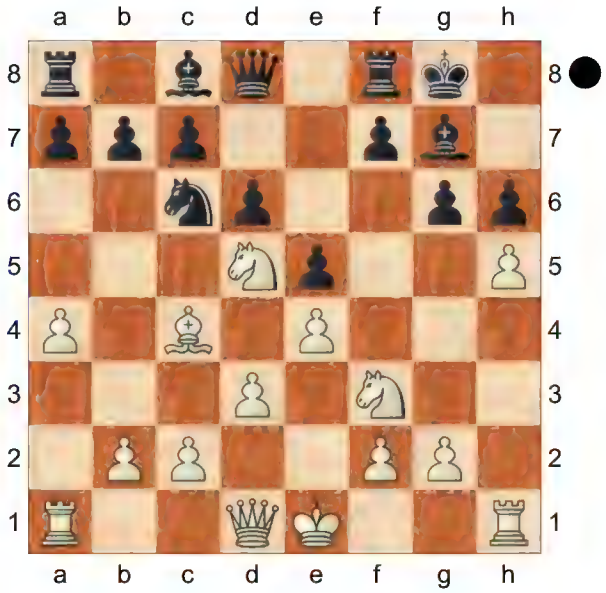
Deflection **31.Rfxb2 Nxb2**
[Inferior is 31...Nxc3 32.Rxa5 Rxa5 33.Nbxa5±]
32.Rxb2 a4 33.Nbd4 a3 34.Ra2 Rb1 35.Nb4 Rb2+ 36.Kg3 Ra4 aiming for ... Ra4xb4.
[Don't play 36...Rxa2 37.Nxa2 Re8 38.Kf2]
37.Ndc2 -5.33/25
[37.Ra1 -1.68/23 is tougher.]
37...Rb3 38.Nd4 -12.13/23
[⌓38.h4 -5.16/24]

38...Rb2? 0.01/23
[38...Rxc3+-+ -12.13/23 39.Kf4 Rxb4]
39.Ra1? -2.26/25
[39.Ndc2!= 0.01/23]
39...a2 40.Nxb5? -5.97/26
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.33
[40.Ndc2 -1.90/23 nothing else works.]
0-1

C50

□ **Rapport,Richard** **2748**
■ **Aronian,Levon** **2727**
Sinquefield Cup 10th (8) 29.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

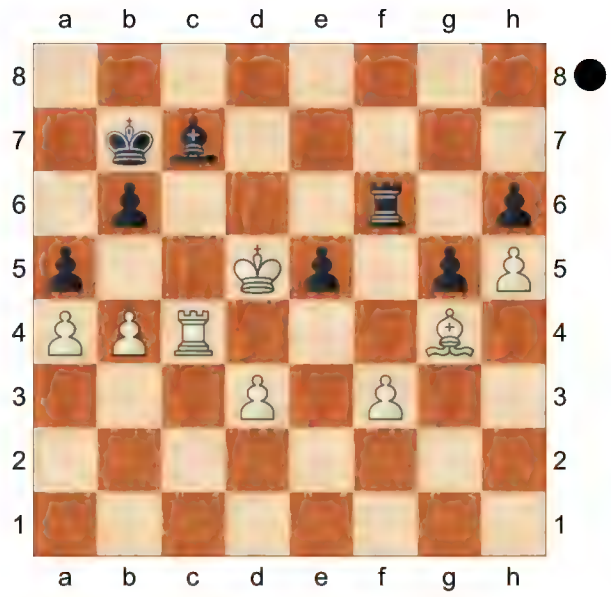
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Be7! outshines the older 7...d6.erfolgreicher als das alte 7...d6. **8.a4**
[8.0-0 Nxe4 9.Bxe7 Nxc3 10.Bxd8 Nxd1 11.Bxc7 Nxb2 12.Bb3 b5 13.Bd5 a6 14.Nxe5 Bb7 15.Nxd7 Rfc8 16.Nc5 Rxc7 17.Nxb7 Re8 18.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Nb4 20.Re8+ Kh7 21.Be4+ g6 22.a3 Rxc2 Bantiwalu,A (1704)-Besra,M (1557) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (5.62) 1-0]
8...d6 9.Bxf6N
[9.Ne2 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qd2 Qf6 14.Qe3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Qe2 Nf4 17.Qf1 c6 18.Rg1 Qe5 19.a5 Kh8 20.Kd2 f5 21.Bb3 fxe4 22.fxe4 a6 23.Rg3 Rf6 Manhattan Cc (2253)-Loehr,H (2592) Saint Louis 154/(49) 2022 (3) 0-1 24.Qg1 Nh5 25.Rg6 Raf8 26.Rxf6 Rxf6 27.c3 Qf4+ 28.Ke1 dxc3 29.bxc3 Qh4 30.Bd1 Nf4 31.Qg3 Nxd3+ Alboredo,J (2253)-Leitao,R (2592) Catas Altas Caraca op 4th rapid 2023 (3) 0-1]
[9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.Nb1 h5 12.h3 h4 13.hxg4 hxg3 14.Nc3 gxf2+ 15.Kxf2 Nxg4+ 16.Ke2 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 #4]
9...Bxf6 10.Nd5 g6N
[Vorgänger: 10...Be6 11.c3 g6 12.h4 Bg7 13.h5 g5 14.Ne3 Bd7 15.g4 Ne7 16.Nd2 Kh8 17.Ndf1 c6 Demchenko,A (2619)-Dubov,D (2716) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Aug Early blitz 2023 (10) ½-½]
11.h4 Bg7 12.h5



h5xg6 would now be deadly. **12...g5 13.Ne3 Ne7 14.Nd2 c6 15.g4 d5 16.Bb3 Kh8 17.Ndf1 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Qxd2+ 19.Kxd2 Rd8 20.Ng3 dxe4 21.Nxe4** Excellent horsemanship. **21...f5 22.gxf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 Bxf5 24.Rae1 a5 25.Nc5 b6** 0.20/24
[25...Rd4∓ -0.32/22]
26.Ne6= Bxe6 27.Bxe6 Rf8 28.Rhf1 Rad8 29.Re4 Rd4 30.c3 Rd6 31.Bg4 Rfd8 32.Be2 c5 33.Kc2 Kg8 34.Kb3 Kf7 35.Kc4 Rf8 36.Re3 Ke7 37.Rf3 Kd8 0.50/24
[37...Rdf6= 0.13/25 38.Rxf6 Rxf6]
38.Rxf8+± Bxf8 Endgame. KRB-KRB **39.Bg4 Rf6 40.f3 Bd6 41.Re1 Kc7 42.Kd5 Kb7 43.Re4 Kc7 44.Rc4 Kb7 45.b3 Bc7 46.b4** The position is equal. **46...cxb4 47.cxb4**

(Diagram)

b5! 48.axb5 a4 49.Rc6 Rxc6



50.bxc6+= KB-KB **50...Kb6** Hoping for ...a4-a3. **51.Kc4 Kxc6 52.Be6 Bd6 53.Kc3 a3 54.Bc4 Kb6 55.Be6 Kc6 56.Bc4 Kb6 57.Be6 Kc6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

½-½

C50
□ **So,Wesley** 2757
■ **Lazavik,Denis** 2578
Chess.com SpeedChess blitz (1.13)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.0-0 h6 7.h3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.a3 Re8! is currently scoring better than 9...Be6.wohl besser als 9...Le6. **10.b4 a6N** The position is equal.
[10...Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6
A) 12.c4 Ne7 13.Re1 *(13.Rb1 c6 14.Re1 Bc7 15.d4 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qe8 17.Nh4 c5 18.Qd1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxe4 20.Bb2 f5 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qd5 Ng5 23.f4 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Qg6+ 25.Qg2 Qxg2+ 26.Kxg2 Rae8 27.Rxe6 Rxe6* Wafa,S (2137)-Stefanova,A (2416) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (2.13) 0-1 *)* 13...c6 14.Nxb6 Qxb6 15.Qc2 Ng6 16.c5 dxc5 17.bxc5 Qc7 18.d4 Qe7 19.dxe5 Nd7 20.Be3 Ngxe5 21.Nd4 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Nxc5 23.Nxe6 Nxe6 24.a4 g5 25.a5 Nc4 26.Ra4 Nxe3 Esipenko,A (2683)-Nakamura,H (2780) AI Cup Play In rapid 2023 (6) ½-½ 27.Rxe3 Rd8 28.g3 Rd1+ 29.Kg2 Rd2 30.Rc4 Nd4 31.Rcc3 Ra2 32.Red3 Ra4 33.Rd2 b6 34.axb6 axb6 35.f4 Kg7 36.Kf2 Rb4 37.fxg5 hxg5 38.Rxd4 Rxd4 39.Rxc6 Esipenko,A (2682)-Matinian,N (2475) chess.com 145/146 2020 1-0;
B) 12.Bb2 Nh7 13.Kh2 Ng5 14.Ng1 15) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - D-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Dry d]

11.Nxb6 cxb6 12.Re1 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.c4N
[Vorgänger: 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.Bb2 d5 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.c4 Qd6 0.38/20 *(17...bxc4=* 0.01/22 *18.dxc4 Qxc4)* 18.Qb3 -0.01/21 *(18.Re3±* 0.38/20 deserves consideration.*)* 18...Nh5 0.43/23 *(18...Rd8=* -0.01/21 *)* 19.c5± Qe7! 20.d4 exd4 Strongly threatening ...Nh5-f4. 21.Rxe6 Qxe6 22.Qxe6 fxe6 23.Nxd4 Nxd4 24.Bxd4 Kollars,D (2648)-So,W (2757) Chess.com Classic Div 2 L rapid 2024 (2.2) ½-½]
14...bxc4 15.dxc4 b5 16.Qd3 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd7 19.Bb2 Qb7 20.Rac1 Rac8 0.62/21
[20...Ne7= 0.19/21]
21.Qd3± Red8 22.Qe2 -0.01/21
[22.Nh4± 0.55/20]
22...Ne7= 23.Nd2 Ng6 24.g3 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Nf8 26.Qc4 Ne6 Wards off Qc4-c7 **27.Qc6 Qa7 28.Kg2** -0.20/22
[28.Rc2 0.17/23 is more appropriate.]
28...Kh7 0.23/21
[⌓28...h5 -0.20/22]
29.a4 Rd7 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 Qa2 32.Rb1 Rc7 33.Qxd6 -1.99/25
[33.Qa6= -0.01/25 and White is okay. Qxa6 34.bxa6]
33...Rd7? 0.84/23
[33...Rc2!-+ -1.99/25 34.Qa3 *(34.Bxe5? Rxd2-+)* 34...Qxa3 35.Bxa3 Rxd2]

(Diagram)

34.Qa6!±
[34.Qb4? Rxd2 35.Qxd2 Qxb1-+]
34...Qxa6 35.bxa6 Rxd2 36.a7 Nc7 37.Bxe5 Ra2! 38.Bxc7 Rxa7± Endgame. KRB-KRN **39.Bb8 Ra2**

1.03/23
[39...Ra8± 0.59/21]
40.Rb4± Nd7 41.Bf4 Ra7 1.18/20
Prevents Rb4-b7
[Black should try 41...Nc5 0.78/23]
42.Be3 Rc7 1.44/21
[⌓42...Ra2 1.04/22]
43.g4 0.75/22
[White should play 43.f4 1.44/21]
43...f6 1.25/22
[⌓43...Ne5 0.75/22]
44.Bf4 0.77/22
[Better is 44.f4 1.25/22]
44...Ra7 45.h4 Nf8 46.Rb6 Re7 47.f3 Ne6 48.Be3 Kg8 49.Kg3 Kf7

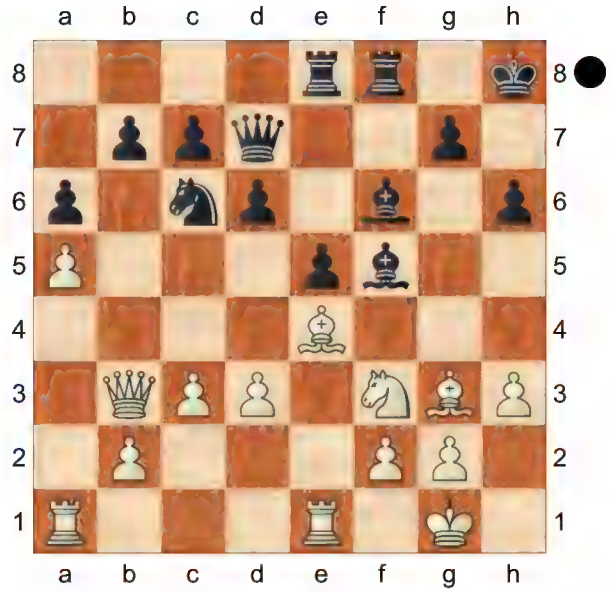
(Diagram)

50.g5 0.66/27 **hxg5± 51.hxg5 Nxg5 52.Bxg5 fxg5** KR-KR **53.Rb5 Ra7 54.Rxg5 g6 55.Rb5 Ra3 56.Kg4 Re3 57.Rb7+ Kf6** 1.16/30
[57...Ke6!± 0.50/30]
58.Rb6+ 0.58/29
[58.Kf4± 1.16/30 Re1 59.Rb6+ Kg7 60.Ke5]
58...Kf7 59.Rb4 Ra3 60.e5 Re3? 5.77/30

[60...Ra1± 0.32/30]
61.Rb7++- Ke6 62.Rb6+? 0.28/30
[62.f4+- 6.02/32]
62...Kf7!= 63.Rb7+ Ke6 64.f4 White is clearly winning. **64...Re1 65.Kg5** Rb7-b6+ is the strong threat. **65...Rg1+ 66.Kh6** Rb7-b6+ would now be deadly. **66...Rg4 67.Rb6+** Skewer **67...Ke7 68.Rf6**
[68.Rxg6 Rxf4 69.Kg5 Rf2=]
68...Kd7 69.Kh7
[And not 69.Rxg6 Rxf4 70.Kg5 Rf2=]
69...Ke7 70.Kg7
[Weaker is 70.Rxg6 Rh4+ 71.Rh6 Rxf4=]
70...Ke8 71.Rf7 Threatens to win with e5-e6.
[Not 71.Rxg6 Rxf4 72.Re6+ Kd7 73.Rd6+ Ke7=]
71...Rg1 72.Kf6 g5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.35. Loss on time!?
0-1

C50
□ **So,Wesley** 2757
■ **Lazavik,Denis** 2578
Chess.com SpeedChess blitz (1.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.h3
[9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) ½-½]
9...Kh8N now scores much better than the old 9...Be6.punktet besser als das ältere 9...Le6.
[9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 24.h4 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1]
[9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 #6]
[9...Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.c3 Be6 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Re1 Rad8 14.Bh4 Be7 15.a5 a6 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.b4 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 #5]
10.a5 a6 0.35/20
[10...Nh5= -0.03/20 feels stronger.]
11.0-0± Nh7 12.Nc3 f5 13.exf5 Bxf5 14.Nd5 Nf6 15.Re1 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Qd7 17.c3 Bf6 18.Be4N
[Vorgänger: 18.Nh2 Nd8 0.65/22 *(18...Rae8=* 0.01/19 *)* 19.Ng4± Qb5 20.Be4 0.01/22 *(20.c4!±* 0.52/22 *Qxb2 21.Nxf6 Rxf6 22.d4 Qxd4 23.Qxd4 exd4 24.Re8+ Kh7 25.Rae1)* 20...Bxe4= 21.Rxe4 Ne6 22.b4 Rae8 23.h4 0.09/20 *(23.Nxf6±* 0.46/20 was preferrable. *Rxf6 24.f3)* 23...Bd8= 24.Qd2 Prevents Ne6-f4 Ostrovskiy,A (2414)-Burke,J (2518) New York Int op 11th 2018 (5) ½-½]
18...Rae8 19.Qb3



Black must now prevent Be4xf5.
19...Nd8 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Re3 Qe6 22.Qa4 Qf7 23.Rae1 Re7 0.55/21
[23...Nc6= 0.16/21]
24.d4± exd4 25.Rxe7
[25.cxd4 Nc6∓]
25...Bxe7 26.Qxd4 -0.01/24
[26.cxd4 Nc6∓]
[26.Nxd4± 0.48/23 should be considered. Bf6 27.f3]
26...Bf6 27.Qe4 Nc6 28.Bh4
[28.Qa4 simplifies Re8 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8 30.Qc4]
28...Nxa5 29.Bxf6 Qxf6 30.Nh4
[30.Qb4 simplifies Qf5 31.Ra1 Nc6

32.Qxb7 Ne5 33.Nxe5 Qxf2+ 34.Kh2]

30...Qxf2+ 31.Kh2! Rf6 Threatens to win with ...d6-d5.

[31...Qxb2 32.Ng6+ Kg8 33.Qe6+ Kh7 34.Nxf8+ Kh8 35.Qg6 *(35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Ne7 Qb3 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Nf5 Qg8 39.Re8* Pin *d5 40.Qxg7#* Pin*; 35.Ng6+ Kh7 36.Ne7 Qb3 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Nf5 Qg8 39.Re8* Pin *d5 40.Qxg7#* Pin *)*]

[31...Qf4+? 32.Qxf4 Rxf4 33.Ng6+ Kg8 34.Nxf4+-]

32.Re2 Qf1

[32...Qf4+? 33.Qxf4 Rxf4 34.Ng6+ Kg8 35.Nxf4+-]

33.Re3 Nc6 aiming for ...Nc6-e5.

[33...Qb5 simplifies 34.Ng6+ Kh7 35.Ne7+ Kh8]

34.Ng6+ Rxg6 0.93/23 **35.Qxg6=** Endgame. KQR-KQN **35...Ne5 36.Qe8+** 0.61/22

[36.Qe4± 1.00/24]

36...Kh7± 37.Rg3 Strongly threatening Qe8-c8. **37...Qf6 38.Qc8** -0.01/23

[38.Qa4± 0.57/22]

38...h5↑ Hoping for ...h5-h4. Black has some pressure. **39.Qxb7**

[39.Qxc7? h4 40.Rg4 Nxg4+ 41.hxg4 Qf4+ 42.Kh1 Qc1+ *(42...Qxg4 43.Qxd6 Qe4 44.Kh2∓)* 43.Kh2 Qxb2∓]

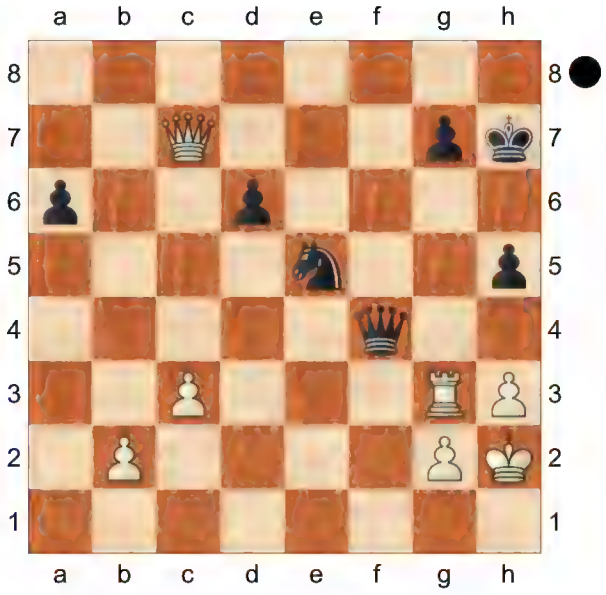
39...Qf4 Repels Qb7-e4+. (-> ...h5-h4)

[39...Qh4 40.Qxc7 *(40.Qxa6 Qf4=)* 40...Ng4+ 41.Rxg4 hxg4 42.Qxd6±]

40.Qxc7

[40.Qxa6 h4 41.Kg1 hxg3 *(41...Qxg3? 42.Qf1-+)* 42.Qe2 Qc1+ 43.Qf1 Qe3+ *(43...Qxb2? 44.Qf4-+; 43...Qc2? 44.Qf4-+)* 44.Kh1 Qf2 45.Qb1+ g6 46.h4 Qe2 *(46...Ng4* is a self mate. *47.h5 Kh8 48.Qa1 Ne3 49.Qa8+ Kg7 50.h6+ Kh7 51.Qg8+* Decoy *Kxg8 52.h7+ Kxh7 53.b4 Qxg2#)* 47.Qc1 Nd3 48.Qb1 Ne1 *(48...Nxb2 49.h5 Qxh5+ 50.Kg1 Qe2 51.Qc1 Nd3 52.Qb1 Ne1 53.Qb7 Qf2+ 54.Kh1 Qf1#; 48...Nf4* leads to mate. *49.Qg1 Nd3 50.Qb1 Ne1 51.Qxg6+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxg6 52.h5+ Kxh5 53.Kg1 Qxg2#; 48...Nxb2 49.h5 Qxh5+ 50.Kg1 Qe2 51.Qc1 Nd3 52.Qb1 Nf4 53.Qf1; 48...Nf4 49.Qg1 Nd3 50.Qb1 Ne1 51.Qxg6+* Remove Defender, Decoy *Kxg6 52.h5+ Kxh5 53.Kg1 Qxg2#)*]

[40.Qb4!? Nc4□ 41.h4∓]



40...Ng4+! 41.hxg4 h4 Pin **42.Qc6 Qxg3+ 43.Kh1 Qe1+** -0.51/5

[Black should try 43...a5= -0.01/23]

44.Kh2∓ Qg3+ The position is equal.

45.Kh1 Qe1+ 46.Kh2 Qg3+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

½-½

C50
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**
■ **Sevian,Samuel** **2696**
Saint Louis Blitz (13) 18.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a4 d6 6.0-0 h6

[6...a5 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Nh4 c6 11.Qe1 d5 12.Bb3 Qd6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg5 g6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 Kg7 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Nxf6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Ronneland,D (2690)-Molina,R (2835) 4647 Hastings 1946 (8.3) 0-1]

[6...a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 21.Rf2 Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (6.2) ½-½]

7.a5 7.Be3 is a critical line.7.Le3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **7...a6 8.c3 0-0 9.b4N**

[9.h3 Ba7 10.Be3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2 Brodsky,M (2686)-Behrmann (2544) cor 1980 (2) 0-1 24.Re5 Qg6 25.Qg3 Qxb1 Alekseenko,K (2686)-Lazavik,D (2544) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (2) 0-1]

9...Ba7 10.h3 Ne7 11.Be3 Ng6 0.35/22

[11...Bxe3= -0.06/21 12.fxe3 b5 13.axb6 cxb6]

12.Nbd2N

[Vorgänger: 12.Re1 Bxe3 13.fxe3 c6 14.Bb3 d5 15.Qc2 Be6 16.c4 -1.03/20 *(16.Nbd2∓ -0.37/20)* 16...dxe4∓ 17.dxe4 c5 18.bxc5 Jeet,J (2185)-Sardana,R (2418) Gujarat op 1st 2018 (8) ½-½]

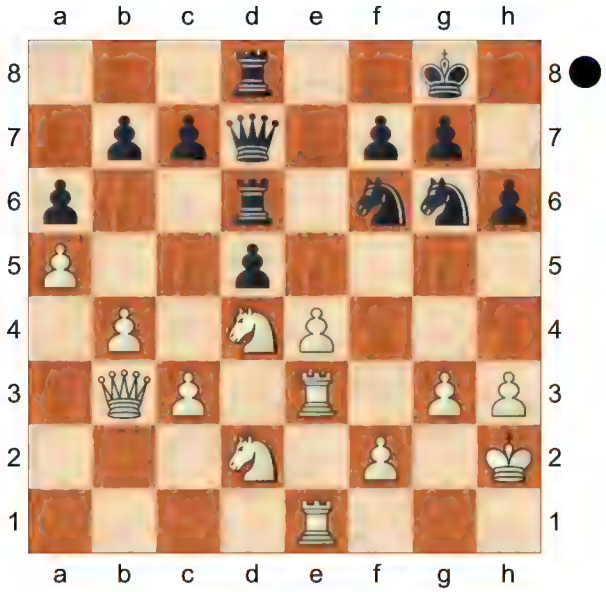
12...Re8 13.Re1 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 Be6

[14...Nf4 seems wilder. 15.d4 g5 16.Qb3 Qe7]

15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Qb3 d5 17.g3 Qd7 18.Kh2 Rd8 19.Rae1 Rd6 0.27/23

[⌓19...b6 -0.19/21]

20.d4= exd4 21.Nxd4



e4-e5 is the strong threat. **21...dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Rxe4 Rd5 24.h4** -0.01/23

[24.Qc4± 0.53/22]

24...c5 25.bxc5 Rxc5 26.Rb1 -0.63/22

[26.f4= 0.01/22]

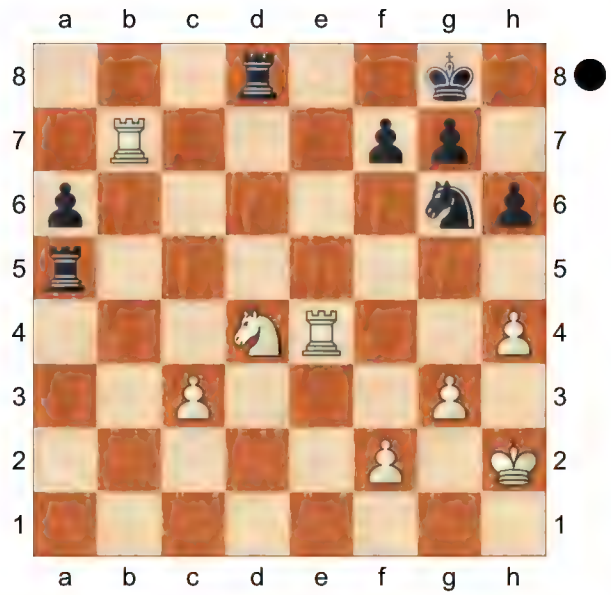
26...Rxa5 -0.01/24

[26...Rb8∓ -0.63/22]

27.Qxb7 The position is equal.

27...Qxb7 28.Rxb7

(Diagram)



Black must now prevent Nd4-c6. **28...Re5 29.Rxe5 Nxe5** Endgame. KRN-KRN **30.Ra7 Rc8 31.Rxa6 Rxc3 32.Kg2 Rc8 33.h5 Ng4 34.f3 Rd8 35.fxg4 Rxd4** KR-KR **36.Kf3 Kh7 37.Ra7 f6 38.Ra6 Rd3+ 39.Kf4 Rd4+ 40.Kf3 Rd3+ 41.Kf4 Rd4+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

½-½

C50

□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**
■ **Robson,Ray** **2696**
Saint Louis Blitz (1) 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
During the event, in public interviews, Magnus complained both of a lack of motivation, and later food poisoning, leading to him forcing a draw with the white pieces in the 2. classical game of this match, but for the deciding playoff both the joy and energy-level seemed to be there: Während des Turniers klagte Magnus in öffentlichen Interviews über mangelnde Motivation und später über eine Lebensmittelvergiftung, die dazu führte, dass er in der 2. klassischen Partie dieses Matches mit den weißen Figuren ein Remis erzwang, aber im entscheidenden Playoff schienen sowohl die Freude als auch die Energie vorhanden zu sein: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.a4 d6 6.0-0 a5** **7.Be3!** is recently more successful than 7.c3 .ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.c3. **7...Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0** The position is equal. **9.Qe1N**
[9.Nbd2 Qe7 *(9...Ne7 10.Nh4 c6 11.Qe1 d5 12.Bb3 Qd6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg5 g6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 Kg7 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Nxf6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Rad8 22.Rf2 Rd4 23.Raf1 Neg8 24.c3* Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Carlsen,M (2835) FIDE World Cup 2023 (8.3) 0-1 *Rd7 25.Re2 Re7 26.Bc2 Nd7 27.Nc4 Ra8 28.g4 f6 29.Rg2 Nh6 30.g5 fxg5 31.Rxg5 Nf7 32.Rg2 Re6 33.Rd2 Rf6 34.Rxf6 Nxf6 35.b4 axb4 36.cxb4 Kf8 37.Kg2 Ke7 38.a5 Rh8 39.Re2* Ronneland,D (2690)-Molina,R (2835) 4647 Hastings 1946 (8.3) 0-1*)* 10.h3 Be6 11.Qe2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nb8 13.Qe1 b6 14.Qh4 Nbd7 15.g4 Nc5 16.b3 Rae8 17.Rf2 Nfd7 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Raf1 g6 20.Nfd2 Nb8 21.Nb1 Nc6 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 Sjugirov,S (2699)-Matlakov,M (2673) Budapest Hetenyi Memorial 2023 (3) 1-0]
9...Ne7N
[Vorgänger: 9...Nb4 10.Qd2 h6 11.c3 Nc6 12.Ba2 Re8 13.Qe2 Be6 14.Bxe6 Rxe6 15.c4 Nb8 Ickes,A-Grabski,D W-ch WS/O/1307 email 2021 ½-½]
10.Nh4 c6 11.Qg3 Ng6 0.50/21 **12.Nxg6± hxg6 13.Bb3**
[13.Qxg6? d5 14.Qg3 dxc4-+]
13...Kh8 0.84/22
[13...Re8= 0.08/22 keeps the balance.]
14.Qh4+ Kg8 15.Nd2 White is more active. **15...Be6** 1.17/21 White now steadily converts the win.
[15...Qe8± 0.45/21]
16.Bxe6± fxe6 17.Qg3 Qe8 1.59/21
[⌓17...Qb6 1.11/21]
18.Nc4 Rd8 19.Nxa5 Rd7 2.21/23
[⌓19...b5 1.64/22 20.b4 Nh7]
20.Nc4+- Nh7 3.12/23
[20...b5 2.10/21 was necessary.]
21.a5 Rf6 22.h3 Nf8 23.Rf2 Qd8 24.Raf1 Rdf7 25.b4 Qe7 26.c3 Qd8 27.d4 exd4 28.exd4
[28.Qxd6 Rxf2 29.Rxf2 Qxd6 30.Nxd6 Rd7±]
28...d5 29.Ne5 Rxf2 30.Rxf2 Rxf2 31.Qxf2 Endgame. KQN-KQN
[31.Kxf2 Qf6+ 32.Ke2 dxe4]
31...Qe7 32.Qf3 g5 33.exd5 exd5 34.Qf5 Wards off Nf8-d7. White is clearly

winning. **34...Nh7 35.Qd7 Qf6 36.Qxb7 Qf4 37.Qc8+ Nf8 38.Ng6**
[38.Nxc6 Qc1+ 39.Kf2 Qd2+ 40.Kf3 Qxc3+ 41.Kg4 Qd2=]
38...Qe3+ 39.Kh2 Kf7 40.Qf5+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.47
[And not 40.Nxf8 Qf4+ 41.Kg1 Qe3+ 42.Kf1 Qc1+ 43.Kf2 Qd2+ 44.Kf3 Qxc3+ 45.Kg4 Qxd4+ 46.Kxg5 Qf6+ 47.Kh5 g6+ 48.Kg4 Qd4+ 49.Kf3 Qf6+ 50.Ke2 Qe5+ 51.Kf1 Qf4+ 52.Ke2 Qc4+ 53.Ke3 Qc3+ 54.Kf4 Qd4+ 55.Kg3 Qe3+ 56.Kh4 Qe1+ 57.g3 Qe7+ 58.Kg4 Qxb4+ *(58...Qe4+ 59.Kg5=)* 59.Kg5 Qd2+ 60.Kh4 Qd4+ 61.Kg5 Qe5+ 62.Kg4 Qd4+ 63.Kf3 *(63.Kg5 Qe5+ 64.Kg4 Qe4+ 65.Kg5 Qe3+ 66.Kh4 Qd4+ 67.Qg4 Qh8+=* Decoy *)* 63...Qe4+ 64.Kf2 Qc2+ 65.Kg1 Qd1+ 66.Kf2 Qc2+ 67.Kg1 Qd1+ 68.Kf2 Qd4+ 69.Ke2 Qc4+ 70.Kd2 Qd4+ 71.Kc1 Qc3+ 72.Kd1 Qf3+ 73.Ke1 Qxg3+ 74.Ke2 Qe5+ 75.Kd3 Qe4+ 76.Kd2 Qb4+ 77.Ke3 Qc5+ *(77...Qxf8 78.Qxf8+ Kxf8 79.a6 Ke7 80.a7 Kd6 81.a8Q Kc5 82.Qa3+ Kc4 83.Qc1+ Kb5 84.Kd4; 77...Qxa5 78.Nd7=)* 78.Kf3 Qc3+ 79.Kf4 Qxa5=]
1-0

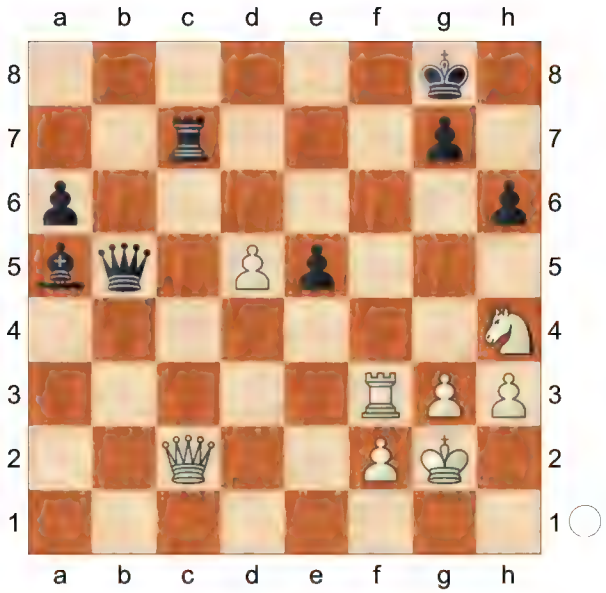
C50

□ **Caruana,Fabiano** **2795**
■ **Xiong,Jeffery** **2681**
Saint Louis Rapid (9) 16.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5N
[4...d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 f6 8.a4 Nb6 9.Bb3 a5 10.h3 Qd6 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Nb5 Bxb3 13.Nxd6+ Bxd6 14.cxb3 0-0 15.d4 Rad8 16.dxe5 Bb4 17.Bd2 Nxe5 18.Bxb4 Rxd1 19.Raxd1 Deschamps,Q (2632)-Lopez Ramirez,D (2436) Santiago m Santiago de Chile 1997 (8) 1-0 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3 axb4 21.Re7 Rc8 22.a5 Kf8 23.Re4 Na8 24.Rd7 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Kxe8 26.Rxg7 h5 Chigaev,M (2632)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2737) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late blitz 2023 (5) 0-1]
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.a5!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.
9...a6N
[Vorgänger: 9...Be6 10.Nbd2 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Rxa8 Qxa8 14.0-0 Qa2 White should prevent ...Nf6xe4! 15.Qc1? -1.86/21 *(15.b3=* -0.09/21 and White stays safe. *)* 15...Nh5? 0.01/20 Yu,Y (2735)-Le,Q (2728) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (10) ½-½ *(*Better is *15...Nxe4-+* -1.86/21 *16.Ne3 Nxg3 17.hxg3 Rd8)*]
10.Nbd2 Be6 0.50/19
[10...b5= 0.08/20 11.axb6 cxb6]
11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Nh7 13.c3 Ng5 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rfe1
[15.Qxb7? Nxf3+ *(15...Rfb8? 16.Qxb8+ Rxb8 17.b4-+)* 16.Nxf3 Rfb8-+]
15...Rab8 16.h3 Bf6 17.Qc4 Rbd8 18.b4 Ne7 19.Qb3 Ng6 20.d4 Kh7 21.Rad1 exd4 22.cxd4 Be7 23.Qc2 Nxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Nf4 25.Re3 Kg8 26.d5 e5 27.Rc3 Hoping for Bg3xf4! **27...Rc8 28.Rc1** Black must now prevent Bg3xf4! **28...Bd8 29.Bxf4 Rxf4 30.g3 Rf7 31.Kg2 Qb5** Prevents Qc2-e2. **32.Rb1 c6** 2.08/22
[32...h5± 1.06/21]
33.Qb3 0.64/23
[33.Nxe5!+- 2.08/22 Rfc7 *(33...dxe5? 34.Rc5+-)* 34.Ng6]
33...Rcc7± 34.dxc6 bxc6 1.54/22
[⌓34...Rxc6 0.85/22 35.Rd3 Be7]
35.Rd1 Be7 36.Rdd3 White is more active. **36...Bf8 37.Nh4** 0.18/23
[37.h4!± 1.34/21]
37...Kh7? 3.18/22
[37...d5= 0.18/23]
38.Rf3+- d5 39.exd5 Bxb4 40.Rxc6 0.53/24
[White should play 40.Qb1++- 2.90/25 Kg8 41.Rb3 *(41.Rxc6 Rxc6 42.dxc6 Rc7±)*]
40...Bxa5? 2.37/26
[40...e4!± 0.53/24 41.Rxf7 Rxf7]
41.Qc2+ Kg8 42.Rxc7 Rxc7

(Diagram)

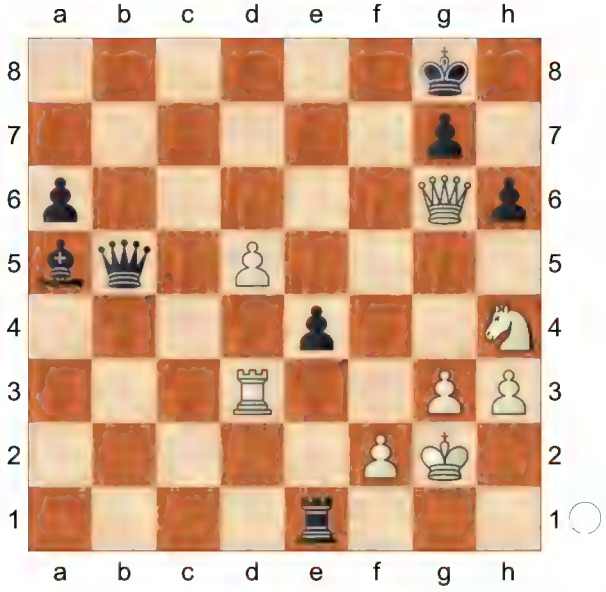
43.Qe4 0.01/22
[43.Qg6!+- 1.69/23 White wants to mate with Qg6-e6+. Qxd5 44.Nf5 *(44.Qxa6 Rc3=)*]
43...Rc1= 44.Rd3 Nh4-f5! would now be deadly.
[44.Qxe5? Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Qh1#]
44...Re1? 2.56/24
[44...Ra1= 0.01/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 45.Qxe5 Qxd3



46.Qxa1 Qxd5+ 47.Kg1 Bd8]

45.Qg6→ Threatening mate with Nh4-f5! White wants a kill. **45...e4?** 10.20/25

[45...Qb1 2.03/24 46.Nf3 *(46.Qxa6 e4=)* 46...Rh1 47.Nxe5 *(47.Qxa6? Qf1#; 47.Qe6+ Kh7+-)* 47...Bb6]



46.Nf5! Bc3

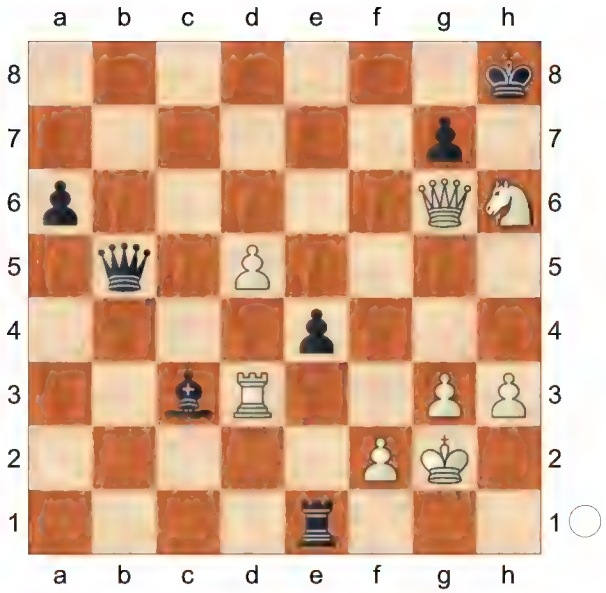
[46...Qd7 47.Rb3]

47.Nxh6+

[47.Rxc3? Qf1+ 48.Kh2 Qxf2#]

47...Kh8

(Diagram)



48.Nf7+!

[48.Rxc3? gets mated. Qf1+ 49.Kh2 Qxf2#]

[Worse is 48.Qe6 gxh6 49.Qc8+ *(49.Rxc3? Qf1+* Deflection *50.Kh2 Qxf2#; 49.Qxh6+ Kg8=)* 49...Kh7 50.Qf5+ *(50.Rxc3? Qf1+* Deflection *51.Kh2 Qxf2#)* 50...Kg7 51.Qg4+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ *(52.Rxc3? Qf1+* Deflection *53.Kh2 Qxf2#)* 52...Kg7 53.Qg4+ Kf8 54.Qc8+ *(54.Rxc3? Qf1+* Deflection *55.Kh2 Qxf2#)* 54...Kf7 55.Qe6+ *(55.Rxc3? Qf1+* Deflection *56.Kh2 Qxf2#)* 55...Kg7 56.Qg4+=]

48...Kg8

(Diagram)

49.Ng5!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.51

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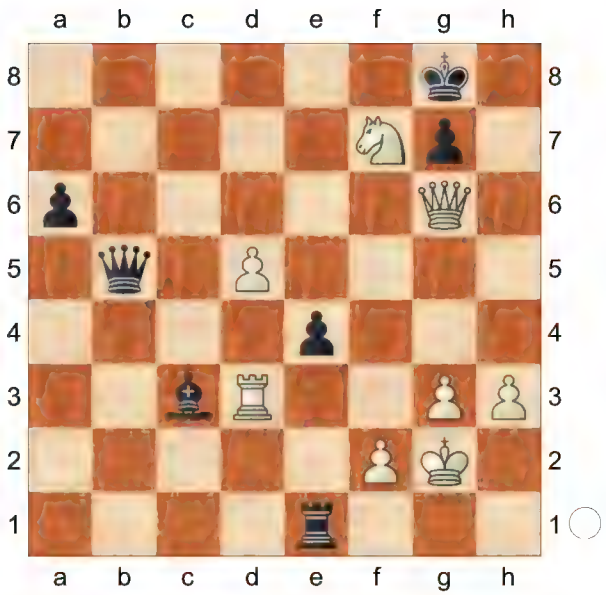
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		C50
□	**So,Wesley**	**2752**
■	**Sevian,Samuel**	**2696**
Saint Louis Blitz (9)		17.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 a6 7.h3 Recently 7.a4 got a lot of attention. 7.a4 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit.

[7.Nd5 h6 8.c3 Ba7 9.a4 0-0 10.Be3 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Ne7 12.Bb3 Ng6 13.h3 Qf6 14.a5 Nf4 15.Kh2 Bd7 16.d4 Bb5 17.c4 Be8 18.d5 Qe7 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 20.g3 Ng6 21.Nd2 Bd7 Sindarov,J (2661)-Sanal,V (2600) Dubai op-A 23rd 2023 (5) 1-0]

7...h6 8.a4

[8.Be3 Nd4 9.Nd5 b5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bxe3 12.Nxe3 0-0 13.c4 Bd7 14.Qd2 Qb8 15.Nh4 b4 16.Nhf5 Re8 17.f4 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Qb6+ 19.Kh2 Rad8 20.g4 c5 21.Qg2 Kh7 22.g5 hxg5 Ivanov,V (1340)-Nikolaev,I 34th Rilton Cup 2004 (4) 1-0]

8...g5N 0.47/20

[8...Be6= 0.01/20]

[8...0-0 9.Be3 Ba7 10.Bxa7 Rxa7 11.Nd2 Be6 12.f4 exf4 13.Rxf4 Ne5 14.Bb3 Ng6 15.Rf2 Bxb3 16.Nxb3 d5 17.Qf3 dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Qg5 20.Raf1 b6 21.Nd4 Qe5 22.Re2 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Ismayil,M (1941)-Zhou,L (2045) EU-ch U18 Girls 30th 2022 (8) 0-1 c5 24.Nf5 Rd7 25.Rfe1 Rd5 26.Ne3 Rg5 27.h4 Rh5 28.g3 f5 29.Re6 Kh7 30.Ng2 f4 31.g4 Rd5 32.h5 Nh8 33.Kf2 Nf7 34.Nxf4 Ng5 35.Kg3 Rd4 36.R6e4 Nxe4+ 37.Rxe4 Rxe4 38.dxe4 Priyanka,N (1941)-Petkov,V (2045) Sigeman & Co 04th_114347 1996 (8) 0-1]

9.Nh2!± Rg8 0.57/22

[9...g4= 0.09/20]

10.Nd5 White is slightly better.

10...Nxd5N

[Vorgänger: 10...Be6 1.05/21 10...Nf6xd5 0.56 11.Nxf6+ 0.07/22 *(11.Be3± 1.05/21)* 11...Qxf6= 12.Bxe6 Qxe6 0.35/22 *(12...fxe6= -0.01/23 13.c3 a5)* 13.c3± a5 14.Qh5 0-0-0 15.Qg4 -0.21/22 *(15.Ng4 0.16/22* should be considered.*)* 15...Rde8 16.Qxe6+ Rxe6 Eggers,U-Remstedt,M Pinneberg-ch op 1996 (7) 0-1]

11.Bxd5 Qf6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qg6 1.14/21

[⌓14...Qh8 0.73/22]

15.Ng4± Bxg4 16.Qxg4 h5 17.Qe2 f6 18.Rf5 Rf8 19.d4 Hoping for Ra1-f1.

19...Qf7 2.42/21

[19...g4± 1.15/21]

20.Raf1+- h4? 4.18/23

[20...Qe6 2.52/23 21.Qxh5+ Ke7]

21.Qg4 2.19/24

[⌓21.Rxf6 4.18/23 Qxf6 22.Qh5+ Ke7 23.Rxf6 Rxf6 24.Qxg5]

21...Qg6 22.Qe2? -0.01/20

[White should play 22.dxe5+- 2.16/23 dxe5 23.Qe2]

22...Ke7 2.79/25

[22...Qf7!= -0.01/20]

23.Qc4 Qe8 24.dxe5 dxe5 25.Qc5+ Ke6 26.Qc4+? -0.01/22

[26.Kh2+- 2.12/25]

26...Ke7= 27.Qc5+? -0.01/21

[27.Qb4++- 2.87/24 Ke6 28.Qb7]

27...Ke6 28.Rd1 0.97/23 Prevents Qe8-d7.

[28.Kh2+- 2.15/24 and White stays clearly on top.]

28...Kf7± 29.Rd3 White has more active pieces. **29...Kg6 30.Rc3 Rb8 31.b3**

[Don't play 31.Qxc6?! Qxc6 32.Rxc6 Rb6 33.Rxc7 Rxb2±]

31...Rb6 32.a5 0.74/25

[⌓32.Rf1 1.12/24]

32...Rb5 33.Qxc6 Qxc6 34.Rxc6 Rxa5 35.Rxc7 Endgame. KRR-KRR

35...Ra2 36.Rc6 Kg7 37.Kf2 a5 38.Rc4 Rd8 0.93/28

[38...Rf7± 0.44/27]

39.Ke2 0.51/27

[39.Rc7+± 0.93/28 Kg6 40.Rc6]

39...Rd6± 40.Rf1 Against Ra2-a1

40...Kg6 0.84/27

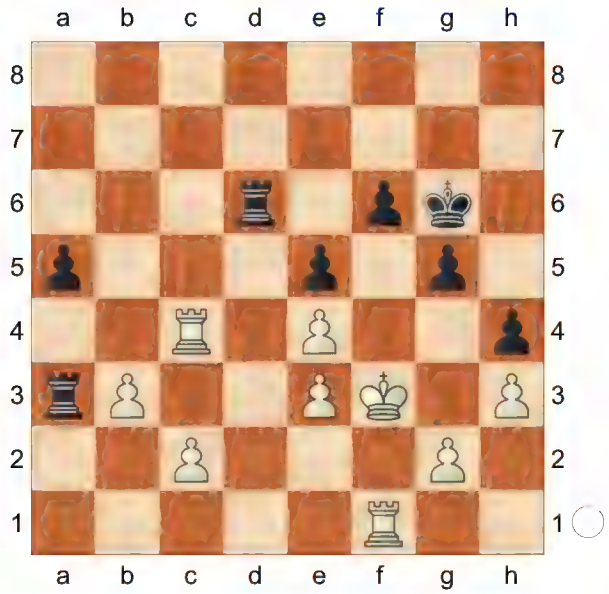
[40...Kf7!± 0.47/26]

41.Kf3 0.40/25

[41.Rb1± 0.84/27]

41...Ra3 1.12/25

[41...Rd7± 0.40/25]



42.Rf2 0.01/28

[42.Rc1!± 1.12/25]

42...Ra1= 43.Ke2 Rad1 44.Kf3 Re1 45.Rc5 Ra6 0.63/27

[45...Ra1= 0.15/27]

46.Rd2± a4

...a4-a3 would now be deadly. **47.bxa4** 0.01/25

[Better is 47.Rc7± 0.68/26 f5 *(47...a3 48.Rdd7±)* 48.bxa4 Rf1+ 49.Ke2]

47...Rxa4= 48.Kf2 Raa1 49.Kf3 Rf1+ 50.Rf2 Rfd1 51.Rc6 Black must now prevent Kf3-g4. **51...Rf1! 52.Rxf1 Rxf1+** KR-KR **53.Ke2! Rg1 54.Kf2 Rc1 55.c4** The position is equal. **55...Kf7 56.c5 Rc4 57.Kf3 Ke7 58.Rc7+ Ke6 59.Rc6+ Ke7 60.Rc8 Kd7 61.Rf8 Ke7 62.Rc8 Kd7 63.Rf8 Ke7 64.Rc8** Black defended with fortune.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.21 (precise)

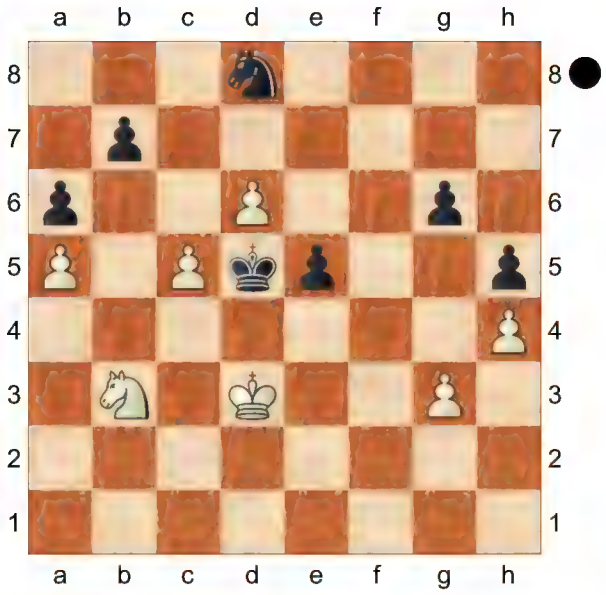
½-½

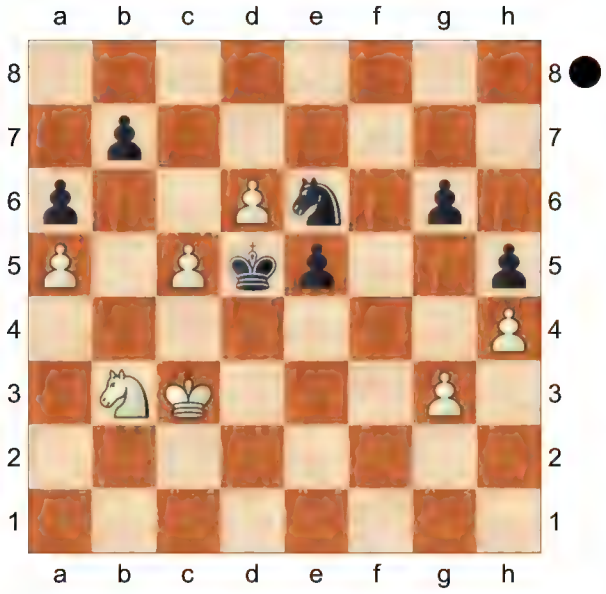
C50
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** 2732
■ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** 2599
Bullet Chess Losers blitz (1.13) 11.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.Be3 7.Na4 is setting a new trend.7.Sa4 setzt einen neuen Trend.
[7.Nd5 Be6 8.c3 Bxd5 9.exd5 Ne7 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 0-0 12.Qf3 Bxd4 13.cxd4 Ng6 14.Bd3 Re8 15.Be3 Nh7 16.Qg3 Qf6 17.Rac1 Re7 18.Rc2 Nh4 19.Rfc1 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Qxf5 21.Rxc7 Rxc7 Riofrio,M (2413)-Schneiders,H (2368) (izt) 49/325 1990 (1) ½-½]
7...Bxe3N
[7...Bb6 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 Bd7 10.a3 Ne7 11.Qd2 Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Rad1 Qe7 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Rab8 16.c3 Be6 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Nh2 Rbd8 19.Qe2 c6 20.Bxe6 Qxe6 21.Ng4 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Santos,H-Olivo,A (1508) Caxambu op 2023 (2) 0-1 b6 23.Kh2 h5 24.Qg3 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 hxg4 26.hxg4 Qf6 27.Qe3 Qf4+ 28.Qxf4 Nxf4 29.g3 Ne6 30.Rd7 Ra8 31.Kg2 Nc5 32.Re7 f6 33.Kf3 Na4 34.b4 Nxc3 35.Rc7 Nb5 36.Rxc6 Nd4+ Sims,H-4. ♘f3 ♗g7 5.h3 00 6. ♗e3 (1508) Sharjah 152/160 2022 (2) 0-1]
8.fxe3 Be6 0.18/20
[⌓8...Na5 -0.22/21]
9.Bxe6= fxe6 10.Qe1 0-0 11.Qh4N
[Vorgänger: 11.Qg3 Qd7 12.Rad1 Ne7 13.d4 exd4 14.exd4 Rae8 15.Nh4 Nh7 16.e5 Rxf1+ 17.Rxf1 dxe5 18.dxe5 Sokol,M-Bucka,P SVK-chT3C 0001 2000 (7) 1-0]
11...Ne7 12.Nd2 Ng6 13.Qh3 Kh7 1.05/21
[13...Qe7= -0.01/20]
14.a4 -0.01/21 White is more active.
[14.Qxe6± 1.05/21 Re8 15.Qf5]
14...Qd7= 15.a5 a6 16.Rf3 Rf7 17.Raf1 Raf8 18.d4 -0.38/21
[18.Rg3= 0.18/22]
18...exd4∓ 19.exd4 e5 0.35/23
[19...Qe8∓ -0.35/21]
20.Qxd7± Rxd7 21.d5 Rdf7 22.g3! Kg8 23.Kg2
[23.Nd1 simplifies Ne7 24.Rd3 Rb8 25.Ne3]
23...Ng4 24.h3 Rxf3 25.Rxf3 Rxf3 26.Kxf3 Endgame. KNN-KNN **26...Nf6 27.Na2 Ne7** 0.61/25
[27...h5= 0.17/22]
28.c4 Nd7 29.b4 Kf7 30.Nc3 h5 31.Nb3 c6 32.c5 0.29/27
[White should play 32.Nd2± 0.71/21]
32...dxc5 33.bxc5 cxd5 34.exd5 Nf6 35.d6 Nc6 36.Na4 Ke6 37.Nb6 -0.41/25
[37.h4= -0.01/25]
37...Nd7 0.01/26
[37...g5!∓ -0.41/25 might be stronger.]
38.Nxd7= Kxd7 KN-KN **39.Ke4** And now Ke4-f5 would win. **39...Ke6 40.h4** -0.97/28
[40.g4= -0.01/28]
40...g6 41.Kd3 -1.35/33
[⌓41.Kf3 -0.80/30]
41...Kd5∓ 42.Kc3
[42.d7 Ke6 43.Nd2 Kxd7-+ *(43...Nxa5? 44.d8Q+-)*]
42...Nd8 43.Kd3

(Diagram)

Ne6! 44.Kc3





e4 -1.03/28
[44...Nxc5 45.Nxc5 Kxd6 46.Nxb7+ Kc6 47.Nd8+ Kd7 48.Nf7+-]
[Black should try 44...Nf8! -1.40/29 45.Kd3 Nd7]
45.Kd2 Ke5 0.01/31
[45...Nxc5 46.Nxc5 Kxd6 47.Nxe4+ Kc6 48.Nc3+-]
[45...Kc4∓ -1.02/27 46.Nc1 Nxc5 *(46...Kxc5 47.Ke3∓)*]
46.Ke3= Kd5 47.d7 Kc6
[47...Nd8 looks sharper. 48.Nd4 Kxc5 49.Kxe4 Kd6]

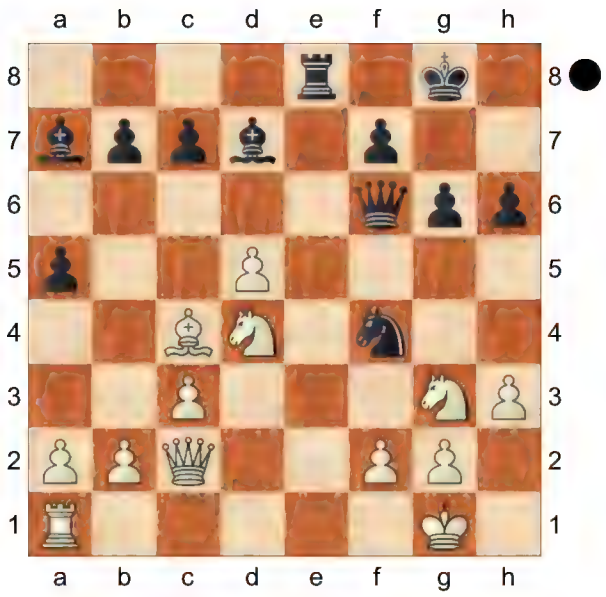
48.Kxe4 Kxd7 The position is equal.
49.Ke5 Threatens to win with Ke5-f6.
49...Ke7 50.Kd5 Nc7+ 51.Ke5 Ne6 52.Kd5 Nc7+ 53.Ke5 Ne6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)
½-½

C50
□ **Maurizzi,Marc Andria** **2620**
■ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2653**
Biel GM2 Blitz 57th (6) 21.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

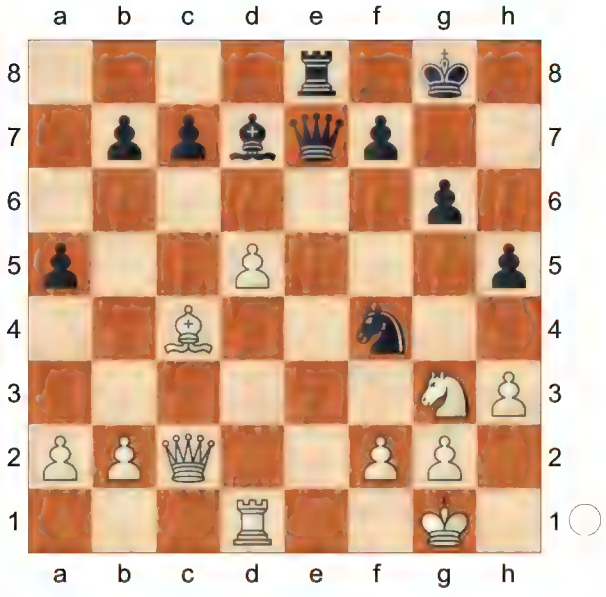
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 a5
[6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Nf6 9.h3 Bd6 10.a3 a6 11.Ba2 Bf5 12.b4 Re8 13.Bb2 h6 14.Ne4 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.c4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 a5 18.c5 Bf8 19.Qb3 axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Kamsky,G (2741)-Svidler,P (2739) FIDE World Cup 2011 (4.2) 0-1]
7.c3 d6 8.h3 The position is equal.
8...Be6N
[8...Ba7 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 c6 *(10...Ng6 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Be6 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nf8 23.f6 Nge6 24.Rxe5 Rad8 25.Rh5* Krause,B (2478)-Walter,A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12) 1-0*)* 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) 0-1 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3 Qg6 38.Qd1 Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes,P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10) 0-1]
9.Bb5 Ba7
[9...Qb8 10.a4 Qa7 11.Nb3 0.14/22 *(11.Nc4± 0.51/19)* 11...Bb6= 12.Bg5 Nh5 13.Bh4 *(13.d4!?)* 13...Nf4 0.44/21 *(13...f6= -0.05/20)* 14.Bg3± Ng6 15.Nbd2 Kh8 0.57/20 *(15...h6= 0.19/20* should be considered.*)* 16.Ng5± h6! 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Nc4 Bc5 19.Rb1 0.36/21 *(White should play 19.Bxc6± 0.84/22* Bc6-d7 is the strong threat. *bxc6 20.Qd2)* 19...Nce7 1.07/22 *(19...Rf6± 0.36/21)* 20.d4± exd4 Maurizzi,M (2620)-Bjerre,J (2653) Biel GM2 Rapid 57th 2024 (3) 1-0]
10.Re1 Ne7 11.d4 Ng6 12.Nf1 exd4 13.Nxd4 Bd7 0.41/21
[13...d5= -0.03/21]
14.Bd3!?N -0.10/20 An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 14.Bxd7 Nxd7 15.Ng3 Re8 16.f4 Qh4 17.Ngf5 0.01/21 *(17.Kh2!± 0.62/21)* 17...Qf6= 18.Kh2 Bxd4! 19.Nxd4 -1.54/21 *(19.cxd4=* -0.09/21 remains equal. *d5 20.Ng3 dxe4 21.f5)* 19...Nc5? 0.01/19 *(19...Nxf4∓* -1.54/21 *20.Rf1 Rxe4)* 20.f5 -1.34/22 Moussard,J (2611)-Sadhwani,R (2654) Chess.com Classic Div 3 W rapid 2024 (1.2) 0-1 *(20.Qc2=* 0.01/19 was the only way to keep the balance. *)*]
[14.Bxd7± 0.41/21 Nxd7 15.Ng3]
14...Re8= 15.Ng3 d5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.exd5 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Nf4 20.Qe4 g6 White must now prevent ...Ba7xd4. **21.Bc4** -1.34/22
[21.Nge2= -0.12/21 Nxe2+ 22.Bxe2]
21...Re8∓ 22.Qc2

(Diagram)



Bxd4 -0.54/20
[22...Qg5!∓ -1.25/20 aiming for ...h6-h5! 23.Qb3 b5 24.Bxb5 Rb8]
23.cxd4∓ Qxd4 -0.01/20
[23...h5∓ -0.64/20 24.Bf1 Nxd5]
24.Rd1= Qc5 25.Ne4
[25.Qc1 keeps more tension. g5 26.b3 a4 27.Qa1]
25...Qe7 26.Ng3 h5



...h5-h4 would now be deadly. **27.Rd4!**
Qf6 1.09/23
[27...Qg5= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 28.h4 Re1+ *(28...Qxh4 29.Qd2=)* 29.Bf1 Qe5 *(29...Qxh4? 30.Qd2+-)*]
28.Qd2!± g5 29.d6↑ White is in control.
29...cxd6 2.70/24
[29...c5± 0.72/23 30.Re4 Rxe4 31.Nxe4 Qe5]
30.Rxd6+- Be6 31.Bxe6 1.29/23
[31.Qxa5+- 2.96/23 And now Ng3-e4 would win. Kg7 32.Qb5]
31...Rxe6± 32.Rxe6 Qxe6+- 3.09/26 Endgame. KQN-KQN
[32...Nxe6± 1.26/24 33.Nxh5 Qe5]
33.Qd8+
[33.Qxa5 Qe7 34.Nf5 Qf6±]
33...Kh7 Strongly threatening ...Qe6-e1+. **34.Qxg5 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Qxf2** 7.48/30
[⌓35...Ng6 4.07/24 36.Qxh5+ *(36.Nxh5 Qxf2 37.Qf6 Qxf6+-)* 36...Kg8]
36.Nf5
[36.Qxa5? Qxg2#]
[Not 36.Nxh5 Nxh5 37.Qxh5+ Kg7±]
36...Ne6 Against Qg5-g7+ **37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Ne7#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

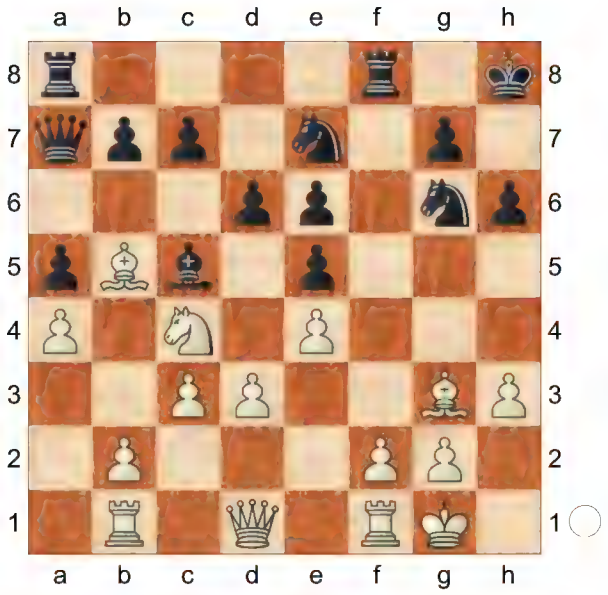
C50

□ **Maurizzi,Marc Andria** **2620**
■ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2653**
Biel GM2 Rapid 57th (3) 14.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 a5
[6...d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Nf6 9.h3 Bd6 10.a3 a6 11.Ba2 Bf5 12.b4 Re8 13.Bb2 h6 14.Ne4 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.c4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 a5 18.c5 Bf8 19.Qb3 axb4 20.axb4 Rxa1 21.Rxa1 Kamsky,G (2741)-Svidler,P (2739) FIDE World Cup 2011 (4.2) 0-1]
7.h3 d6 8.c3 The position is equal.
8...Be6N
[8...Ba7 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nf1 c6 *(10...Ng6 11.Ng3 c6 12.d4 h6 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bc2 Qc7 15.Be3 c5 16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nf5 Be6 18.Qc1 c4 19.Bxh6 Nh5 20.Bxg7 Nxg7 21.Qh6 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nf8 23.f6 Nge6 24.Rxe5 Rad8 25.Rh5* Krause,B (2478)-Walter,A (2241) GER-ch blitz 2022 (12) 1-0*)* 11.Ng3 b5 12.Bb3 a4 13.Bc2 Ng6 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Be6 16.Qd2 Re8 17.a3 Qe7 18.Rad1 Qf8 19.Qc1 Rad8 20.Qb1 Bb8 21.Qc1 d5 22.dxe5 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Caruana,F (2766) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Late blitz 2023 (10) 0-1 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Bc5 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qe8 28.Nd6 Qd7 29.Qd4 Bd5 30.Nh2 f6 31.f4 fxe5 32.fxe5 Qe6 33.Ng4 h5 34.Ne3 Nxe5 35.Ndf5 Kh7 36.Nxd5 Qxf5 37.Ne3 Qg6 38.Qd1 Yugoslav Qa5 (2572)-Deslandes,P (2766) (m/1) 78/295 2000 (10) 0-1]
9.Bb5 Qb8 Recently 9...Ba7 got a lot of attention.9...La7 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **10.a4 Qa7 11.Nb3N** Threatens to win with Nb3xc5.
[Vorgänger: 11.Nc4 h6 12.Ne3 0.04/20 *(12.Bd2± 0.51/20* might be stronger. *)* 12...Bb6 13.Nc4 Strongly threatening Nc4xb6. Bc5 14.Ne3 -0.01/20 *(14.Bd2!± 0.50/19)* 14...Rad8 15.Rb1 Ne7 16.d4 -0.54/21 *(16.b4± 0.33/21 Bxe3 17.Bxe3)* 16...exd4∓ 17.cxd4 Vykouk,J (2462)-Sonis,F (2554) Mitropa Cup Mali Losinj 2023 (7.10) 0-1]
11...Bb6 12.Bg5 Nh5 13.Bh4 Wards off Nh5-g3 **13...Nf4** 0.34/21
[13...f6= -0.15/20]
14.Bg3± Ng6 15.Nbd2 Kh8 0.83/20
[15...h6= 0.09/18]
16.Ng5± h6 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Nc4 Bc5 0.96/22
[18...Nf4± 0.39/20]
19.Rb1 0.17/21
[19.Bxc6± 0.96/22 bxc6 20.Qd2]
19...Nce7 1.05/22
[19...Rf6= 0.17/21 remains equal.]

(Diagram)

20.d4! exd4 21.b4 Bb6 22.Nxb6 Qxb6 23.Qxd4 Qxd4 24.cxd4 Nf4 1.62/21
[24...axb4± 1.03/24 25.Rfd1 *(25.Rxb4 Ra7±)* 25...Nf4]
25.Rfc1!+- c6 26.Bf1 Neg6 2.65/24
[26...b5± 1.43/23 27.Bxf4 *(27.axb5 cxb5 28.Rc7 Neg6±)* 27...Rxf4]
27.b5 Ne7 28.f3 d5 29.Bh4 g5 2.22/22
[⌓29...Rf7 1.76/22 30.Bxe7 Rxe7



31.bxc6 bxc6]

30.Bf2 Rf7 31.Rb3 Rd8 32.Be1 1.24/20

[Better is 32.Rc5+- 1.80/19]

32...cxb5± 33.axb5 Black must now prevent Rc1-c7. **33...b6 34.e5** 0.68/22

[34.Rbc3± 1.30/20]

34...Rd7 1.42/22

[34...Rdf8± 0.68/22]

35.Rbc3 0.97/22

[⌓35.h4 1.42/22]

35...Kg7 1.41/23

[⌓35...Nfg6 0.97/22]

36.h4

[36.g3 Nfg6±]

36...Nf5 2.32/23

[36...Nh5± 1.50/22 37.Bf2 Rf8 38.hxg5 hxg5]

37.hxg5 1.28/23

[37.g3+- 2.32/23]

37...Nxd4 38.gxh6+ Kxh6 39.Kf2 Against Nf4-e2 **39...Ng6?** 3.17/24

[39...Kh7± 1.37/22 40.Bd2 Ng6]

40.Bd2+? 1.04/24

[40.Rd1+- 3.17/24 is the precise move to win. Nf5 41.Rc6]

40...Kg7

(Diagram)

41.Re3 -0.23/22

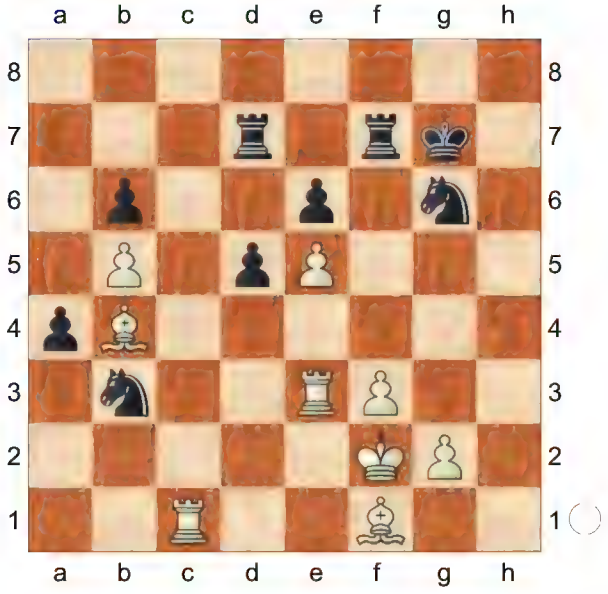
[Much weaker is 41.Be3?! Nxf3 42.gxf3 d4= *(42...Nxe5? loses. 43.Bd4+-)*]

[41.Rd3!± 1.20/24 Nxb5 42.Rb1]

41...a4↑ Black has some pressure.

42.Bb4 Nb3 1.03/20

[42...Rc7∓ -0.31/23 stays ahead. 43.Rec3 Rxc3 44.Rxc3 *(44.Bxc3?* too greedy. *Nb3-+)* 44...Nxe5]



A dynamic duo of knights. **43.Rd1** -0.39/22

[43.Rc6!± 1.03/20 Nd4 44.Rxb6]
43...Rc7∓ 44.Bd3 Nf4 aiming for ... Nf4xd3+. **45.Bb1 d4** 0.01/24
[Black should try 45...Rc4∓ -0.96/25 46.Bd6 Nc5]
46.Re4= g2-g3 would now be deadly.
46...Nd5? 2.52/25
[46...Kg8= 0.02/23 and Black has nothing to worry.]
47.Rg4+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.43
1-0

C50
□ **Caruana,Fabiano** 2786
■ **Najer,Evgeniy** 2648
FIDE Grand Swiss (6) 30.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Nbd2N**

[9.h3 Be6 *(9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 24.h4* Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1*)* 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 Quickstarter-Italian: 1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.B]

[9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) ½-½]

9...g6 10.a5 Rb8 11.h3 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Bh2 0.01/20

[13.c3± 0.42/20 should be considered.]

13...Bd7 14.0-0 Nh5 15.Re1 Bg5 16.Nf1 Bf4 17.Ne3 Bxh2+ 18.Kxh2 Nd4 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Ng4

[20.Nf5 looks sharper. Qg5 21.h4 Qf6 22.Kg1]

20...Kg7 21.Ra7 -0.01/22

[21.e5± 0.49/21]

21...Ra8= 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.g3 Prevents Nh5-f4 **23...Re8** 0.12/21

[⌓23...Bxg4 -0.25/21 24.Qxg4 Qa5]

24.e5 dxe5 25.Nxe5 Qa5 1.33/25

[25...Qd8= 0.01/24 keeps the balance.]

26.Re4 0.43/23

[White should play 26.Qf3!± 1.33/25 Re7 *(26...Rxe5 27.Qxf7+ Kh8 28.Qg8#)* 27.Nxg6 Qxe1 28.Nxe7 Qxe7 29.Qxh5]

26...Nf6? 3.24/25 This move loses the game for Black.

[26...Rxe5 27.b4 *(27.Rxd4? Bc6-+)* 27...Qxb4 28.Rxe5±]

[26...Be6!± 0.43/23]

27.Nxd7+-

[27.Rxd4? Qxe5 *(27...Rxe5? 28.c3-+)* 28.Rf4 g5-+ *(28...Qxb2? 29.Bb3-+)*]

27...Nxe4 28.dxe4 Rxe4 29.Qf3 Qf5 30.Qxf5 gxf5 31.Nb8

[31.Bd3 Re7±]

31...f4 32.g4 h5? 4.29/24

[32...f3 2.48/22 was worth a try. 33.Nc6 *(33.Kg3 Re2±* Promotion *)* 33...Kh8]

33.Nc6

[Less strong is 33.gxh5 Re5 34.b3

(34.Nc6? Rc5-+) 34...Rc5+-]
33...hxg4 34.hxg4 White is clearly winning. **34...Kf6 35.Kg2 Re1 36.Kf3**
[Don't take 36.Nxd4 Re4+-]
36...Rd1 37.Bd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

C50

□ **Adams,Michael** **2670**

■ **Tabatabaei,Mohammad Amin** **2694**

London Classic 13th (1) 01.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 h6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 d6 8.Na4 Bb6 9.a3! is now more promising than 9.Nxb6 im Vergleich zu 9.Sxb6 vielversprechender. **9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6** The position is equal. **11.c3 Qe8 12.b4 Ne7 13.Ra2 Kh8N**

[Vorgänger: 13...Nh5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.g3 b5 16.Kg2 b6 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd2 d5 Van Foreest, J (2695)-Giri,A (2772) NED-ch KO Utrecht 2023 (4.5) 0-1 20.f3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Nf2 Rdf7 24.Kh2 Qd7 25.Be3 Nh7 26.Kg2 d4 27.cxd4 exd4 28.Bc1 Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Ne5+ 31.Kg2 g5 32.Rc2 Nf8 33.Bb2 Nfg6 34.Rfc1 c6 Van Foreest,J (2695)-Giri, A (2772) NED-ch KO Utrecht 2023 (4.5) 0-1]

14.Re1 g5 1.02/22

[14...Ng6= 0.16/18 remains equal.]

15.d4± Ng6 1.29/23

[Black should try 15...exd4 0.87/22 16.Nxb6 *(16.cxd4 c6+-)* 16...axb6]

16.dxe5 dxe5 17.Nxb6 cxb6 18.c4 White is more active. **18...Qc6** 1.91/21

[18...Qf7± 1.33/20 19.Qb3 b5]

19.Rc2 1.40/19

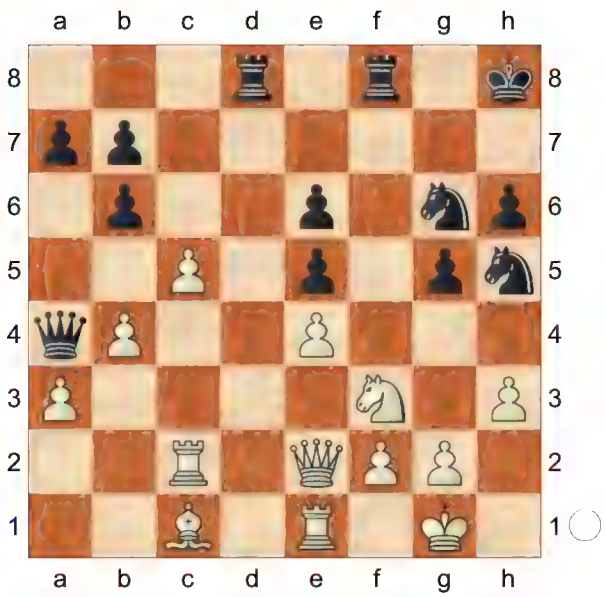
[19.Rd2+- 1.91/21]

19...Rad8 20.Qe2 Qa4 2.01/22

[20...Qd7± 1.32/20 was called for. 21.c5 bxc5]

21.c5+- Nh5? 3.17/23

[21...Rc8± 1.30/20 22.Bb2 Nd7]



This costs Black the game. **22.Rc3** 1.55/20

[22.cxb6+- 3.17/23 Nhf4 23.Bxf4 Nxf4 24.Qc4 axb6 25.Nxe5]

22...Nhf4± 23.Bxf4 Nxf4 24.Qe3 Rd1 3.04/23

[⌓24...bxc5 1.81/23 *(25.Rxc5 Rd3=; 25.bxc5 Rd1±)* 25...Kg8 *(25...Nd3? 26.Rxd3 Kg8 27.Rxd8+-)*]

25.cxb6 axb6 26.Kh2

[Resist 26.Nxe5?! Rxe1+ 27.Qxe1 Qb5+-]

26...Rxe1 27.Qxe1 Qd7 28.g3

[Don't play 28.Nxe5?! Qg7+-]

28...Nh5 29.Nxe5 Qg7 30.Rf3 Rxf3 31.Nxf3+- Endgame. KQN-KQN **31...Nf6 32.Qe3 Qc7 33.Qd4 Kg7 34.Ne5 h5 35.Nf3 g4 36.hxg4 hxg4 37.e5 gxf3 38.exf6+** KQ-KQ **38...Kf7 39.Qg4** 2.64/25

[⌓39.Qf4 4.43/26 Qc2 *(39...Qxf4? 40.gxf4 Kxf6 41.Kg3+-)* 40.Qxf3]

39...Kxf6 40.Qxf3+ Ke7 41.Qe4 Qb8 42.Qh4+ Kd7 43.Qd4+ Kc6 44.Qc4+ Kd6 45.Qf4+ e5 46.Qf6+ Kd5 47.Qxb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

		C50
□	**Saric,Ivan**	**2659**
■	**Keymer,Vincent**	**2721**

EU-chT 24th Budva (9.1) 20.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 a6 6.a4 d6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 White has an edge.The main line 8.Re1 scores better than 8.Nbd2. Die Hauptvariante 8.Te1 punktet besser als 8.Sbd2. **8...0-0 9.h3 h6**

[9...b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.a5 Rb8 12.Nbd2 Be6 13.Bc2 h6 14.Nf1 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bd2 b3 17.Bb1 Qd6 18.Qe2 Rbe8 19.Ra3 f5 20.Nxe5 Bd7 21.d4 Nxd4 22.cxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxb3 Rxe5 24.Qc4 Vachier Lagrave,M (2791)-Aronian,L (2809) 5th Sinquefield Cup 2017 (5.1) ½-½]

10.Nbd2 Be6N

[10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 *(12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 Rd2 26.Rf1 Rxb2* Brady,T (2620)-Martin Barcelo,C (2038) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2009 (1. 23) 1-0 *)* 12...Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16) ½-½]

[10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2 Farionov,A (2645)-Posizione (2458) Koop Tjuchem 1996 (7) 1-0]

11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Ne7 13.Nf1 Ng6 14.N1h2 Rf7 15.g3N

[Vorgänger: 15.Ra2 d5 0.27/19 *(15...Qd7* -0.19/19 feels stronger.*)* 16.Qb3= c5 0.73/21 *(16...Qe7=* 0.07/19 *)* 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.d4 0.07/21 *(*White should try *18.exd5±* 0.73/22 *Nxd5 19.Rc2)* 18...Ba7 0.94/22 *(18...dxe4=* 0.07/21 remains equal. *19.dxc5 exf3)* 19.exd5± Nxd5 20.Nxe5 -0.01/20 *(20.c4±* 1.01/21 *Nf6 21.dxe5)* 20...Nxe5= 21.Rxe5 Nxc3 Aronian,L (2745)-Keymer,V (2700) Astana Satty Zhuldyz Blitz 2023 (7) 0-1]

15...d5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Qd6 18.Qb3 a5 19.bxa5 Nd7 20.d4 0.20/22

[20.Qxb7 Rb8 21.Qa7 c5-+]

[20.Rae1± 0.60/20]

20...Raf8 0.81/21

[20...dxe4!= 0.20/22 keeps the balance. 21.Rxe4 Qc6]

21.Rd1 0.01/22

[21.Qxb7 Rb8 22.Qa7 c5±]

[21.Rae1± 0.81/21]

21...dxe4= 22.Nxe5 -1.02/22

[22.Rxe4± 0.51/22 stays ahead. Rxf3 23.Nxf3 Rxf3 24.dxe5 Pin *(24.Qxb7 Nc5∓* Pin, Double Attack *)*]

22...Ndxe5 -0.23/23

[22...Ngxe5∓ -1.02/22 23.dxe5 Qxe5]

23.dxe5 Qc6 24.Qb5 Qxb5 25.axb5 Rxf2 26.Rxe4 Ra2 27.b6 cxb6 28.axb6 Rff2 29.Nf1 Rg2+ 30.Kh1 Rgb2↑ Black is more active. **31.Kg1** -0.86/23

[31.h4∓ -0.48/22 should be considered.]

31...Rxb6∓ 32.Rd2 Ra5 33.Rd6 Rb1 34.Kf2 Rb2+ 35.Rd2 Rb3 36.Rd6 -1.35/24

[White should play 36.Rc2 -0.95/21]

36...Rb2+ 0.01/21

[Resist 36...Rxe5 37.Rd8+ Kf7 38.Rxe5 Nxe5 39.Rc8∓]

[36...Rxc3 37.Rxe6 Rc2+ 38.Kg1∓]

[36...Nxe5∓ -1.35/24 37.Rxe6 Nd3+ 38.Kg2 Rxc3]

37.Rd2!= Rb3 0.01/20

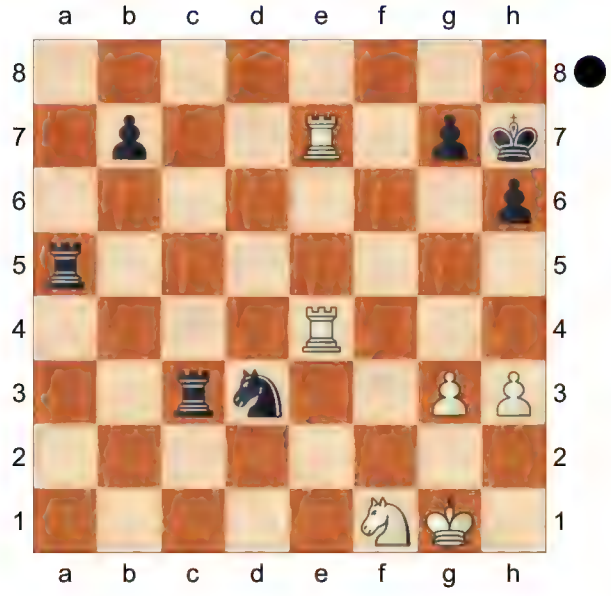
[37...Rb6∓ -0.68/22]

38.Rd6 Nxe5

[38...Rxe5 39.Rd8+ Kf7 40.Rxe5 Nxe5 41.Rc8]

[Reject 38...Rxc3?! 39.Rxe6 Kf7 40.Rb6=]

39.Rxe6 Nd3+ 40.Kg1 Rxc3 Strongly threatening ...Ra5-f5. **41.Re8+ Kh7** And now ...Ra5-f5 would win. **42.R8e7**

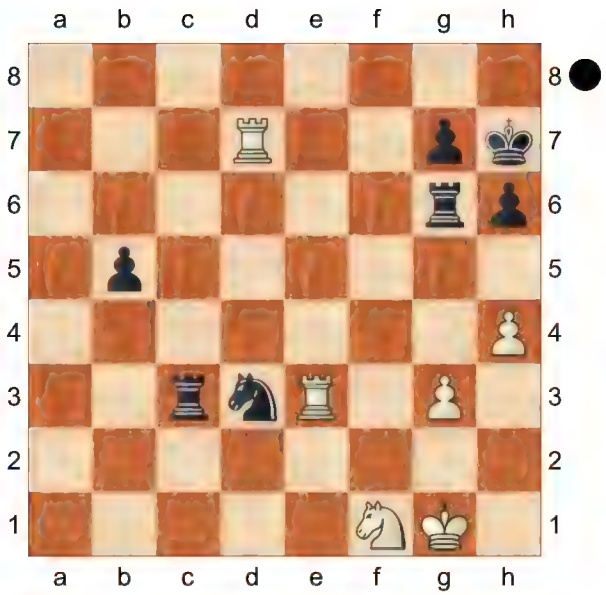


Rg5 -0.26/24 Prevents Re4-g4.

[Better is 42...b6!∓ -0.99/22 43.h4 h5]

43.h4 Rg6 44.Re3! b5 45.Rd7

(Diagram)



Nf4 46.Rxc3 Ne2+ 47.Kg2 Nxc3∓ Endgame. KRN-KRN **48.Rb7** Prevents Rg6-b6 **48...Re6 49.Kf3 Ne2 50.Nd2** -0.88/26

[50.Ne3∓ -0.39/22 was preferrable. Nd4+ 51.Kf2]

50...Nd4+∓ 51.Kf4 Re2 52.Nb1 -0.97/23

[52.Nf1∓ -0.61/22]

52...Ne6+ -0.37/25

[52...Rc2∓ -0.97/23 aiming for ...Nd4-e2+. 53.Ke4 Ne6 54.Rxb5 Kg8]

53.Kg4 Re4+ 54.Kf5 Re3 ...Ne6-d4+ would now be deadly. **55.Rxb5 Nd4+ 56.Kf4 Rxg3 57.Kxg3 Nxb5=** KN-KN **58.h5** The position is equal. **58...Kg8 59.Kf4 Nc7 60.Nc3** Repels Nc7-d5+ **60...Kf7 61.Ke5 Ne8 62.Nd5 Nf6 63.Nxf6 gxf6+ 64.Kd6 Kf8 65.Ke6 Kg7 66.Kd5! Kf7** (-> ...Kf7-e7)

[66...Kf8!? 67.Ke6□ Kg7=]

67.Kd6! f5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)

½-½

C50

□ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2622**
■ **Grischuk,Alexander** **2732**
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Die nachfolgende Partie wird durch den unterschiedlichen Werdegang der Damen bestimmt. Zunächst bringt Schwarz seine Dame zu früh heraus und erlaubt dem Weißen eine schnelle Entwicklung. Schließlich läßt sich die schwarze Dame auf b8 nieder und die Stellung erscheint halbwegs gesichert. Dann jedoch schwenkt die weiße Dame elegant zum verwaisten schwarzen Königsflügel und entfacht einen heftigen Angriff. Ich verwende Kommentare von Euwe, Petrosian und Kmoch aus "Von Steinitz bis Fischer" von Max Euwe. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.a4 0-0 7.a5!?** Recently 7.h3 got a lot of attention. A promising side line. 7.h3 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[7.Be3 Bb6 8.Nbd2 h6 9.c3 Ng4 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.d4 Re8 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.h3 Ne7 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nf1 Ng6 17.Ng3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.c4 Nh7 20.Qd2 Rxa4 21.b3 Ra6 So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2.32) 1-0]

7...a6 8.c3 Ba7 The position is equal.

9.Be3N

[9.h3 h6 10.Be3 Re8 11.Qb3 Qe7 12.Nbd2 Rb8 13.Bxa7 Nxa7 14.d4 Nc6 15.Rfe1 Bd7 16.d5 Na7 17.Bf1 Nh7 18.c4 Ng5 19.Qe3 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Nc8 21.b4 f5 22.Bd3 Qf6 23.exf5 Bxf5 Petrosian,T-Smyslov,V URS-ch28 Final & Zonal 1961 (7) 1-0 24.Bxf5 Qxf5 25.Nd4 Qf7 26.f4 c6 27.fxe5 cxd5 28.e6 Qg6 29.Rf1 Ne7 30.Rf7 dxc4 31.Raf1 Kh8 32.R1f3 Nc6 33.Nxc6 bxc6 34.e7 Kh7 35.Qf4 Rg8 36.Rg3 Qe6 37.Re3 Qg6 38.Rf8 Re8 Esipenko,A (2682)-Sadhwani,R (2603) Global Chess League rapid 2023 (3.6) 1-0 39.Rxg8 Kxg8 40.Qxc4+ Qf7 41.Qxa6 Rxe7 42.Rxe7 Qxe7 43.Qxc6 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qxb4 45.Qd5+ Kh8 46.Qa2 Qf4+ 47.g3 Qd4 48.a6 Qa7 49.h4 d5 50.Qe2 Qd4 51.Qa2 Qa7 52.Kg2 d4 53.Qe2 Qd7 Esipenko,A (2714)-Nakamura,H (2736) Berlin FIDE GP 1 Pool-A 2022 (6) ½-½]

9...Bxe3 10.fxe3 Ne7 11.Nbd2 Ng6 12.d4 b5 13.axb6 cxb6 14.Bd3 a5N

[Vorgänger: 14...Re8 15.h3 a5 16.Nh2 d5 17.exd5 exd4 18.exd4 Nxd5 19.Qf3 Repels Nd5-e3 Ra7 20.Rae1 Repels Re8-e3 Rxe1 21.Rxe1 Re7 22.Rxe7 Cruz Carmona,G (2086)-Akrill,R (2089) WLS/SRCCC/21/D3 2021 [3] ½-½]

15.Qe1 Ba6 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.h3 b5 18.Nh4 Nxh4 19.Qxh4 a4 20.Rf5 Nd7 21.Qf2 Qe7 22.Qe2 Rb6 23.Raf1 f6 -0.09/20

[23...Qe6∓ -0.61/18]

24.h4 Rc8 25.Qg4 Rc7 26.h5 -0.69/21

[26.Ra1= -0.30/19 deserves consideration.]

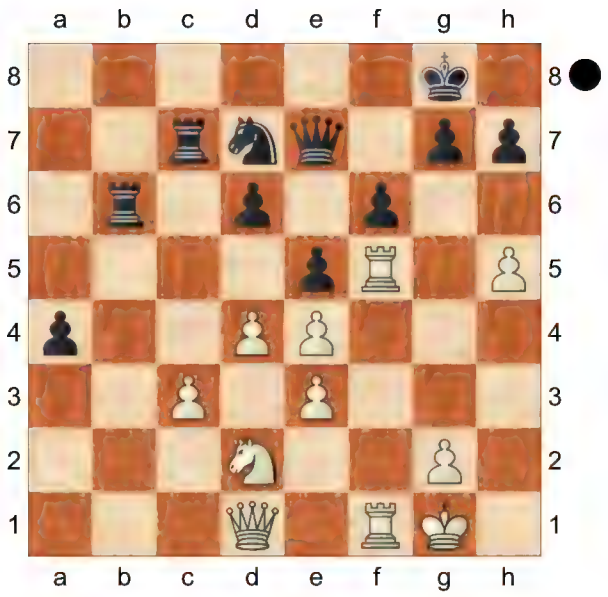
26...b4∓ 27.Qd1 bxc3 28.bxc3

(Diagram)

Ra7 -0.56/22

[28...Rxc3?! 29.Qxa4 h6 30.Ra1=]

[Black should play 28...Rb2!∓ -1.32/20



Hoping for ...a4-a3. 29.h6 exd4 *(29...gxh6 30.Nb1∓; 29...Rxc3 30.dxe5 dxe5 31.Nf3∓)* 30.exd4 Rxc3 *(30...gxh6 31.Ra5±)*]

29.Nc4 Against a4-a3. Black must now prevent d4xe5. **29...Rc6 30.Na3 h6**
[30...Rxc3? 31.Nb5 Rcc7 32.Nxc7 Rxc7 33.Qxa4+-]

31.c4 Kh7 0.01/21
[31...exd4 32.exd4 Qxe4 33.R5f2=]
[31...Ra8∓ -0.57/20]

32.R5f3 -0.83/21
[32.R5f2!= 0.01/21 remains equal.]

32...Nb6 -0.19/21
[32...exd4 33.exd4 Ra8 34.Rg3±]
[32...Ra8∓ -0.83/21]

33.c5? -1.75/19 **dxc5-+ 34.d5 Rc8**

35.Rg3 -2.88/20
[35.R3f2 -1.67/18 was necessary.]

35...c4 36.d6 -3.97/21
[36.Nb5 -2.72/20 keeps fighting. Rb7 37.d6]

36...Qf7 37.Rg6 -4.00/21
[37.Qg4 -2.82/20 might work better.]

37...c3 38.Qg4 Rd7? -0.01/22
[38...c2-+ -4.62/21 39.Rc1 Rd7]

39.Rfxf6!= gxf6 40.Qf5 Kh8
[40...Rxd6 41.Rxf6+]

41.Rxh6+ Kg8 42.Rg6+ Kh8

43.Rxf6→ White mounts an attack.

43...Qe8 44.Re6! The board is on fire.

44...Qf8 45.Qxe5+ -3.72/23
[45.Rf6= 0.01/24 Qg7 46.Qxe5]

45...Qg7? 0.27/27
[Better is 45...Kg8-+ -3.72/23 ...Rd7-f7 would now be deadly. 46.Nc2 Rf7 47.Qg3+ Rg7]

46.Rh6+ White has compensation.

46...Kg8 47.Qe6+ Qf7? 4.86/27
[47...Rf7? 48.Rg6 Kh8 49.Rxg7 Rxg7 50.h6+-]
[47...Kf8!= -0.01/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 48.Rg6 *(48.e5? Re8-+ Skewer)* 48...Re8 *(48...Qf7 49.Rf6± Pin)*]

48.Qg4++- Qg7 49.Rg6 Pin **49...c2**

50.Nxc2
[Inferior is 50.Rxg7+ Rxg7 51.Qe6+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ *(52.Nxc2 Rxc2 53.Qf5+ Kh8=)* 52...Kh8 53.Nxc2 Rxc2 54.Qf8+ Kh7 55.Qf5+ Kh6 56.Qf6+ Kh7 57.Qf5+ Kg8 58.Qe6+ Kh7 59.Qf5+=]

50...Rxc2

51.h6! Pin
[Not 51.Rxg7+ Rxg7 52.Qe6+ Kh7

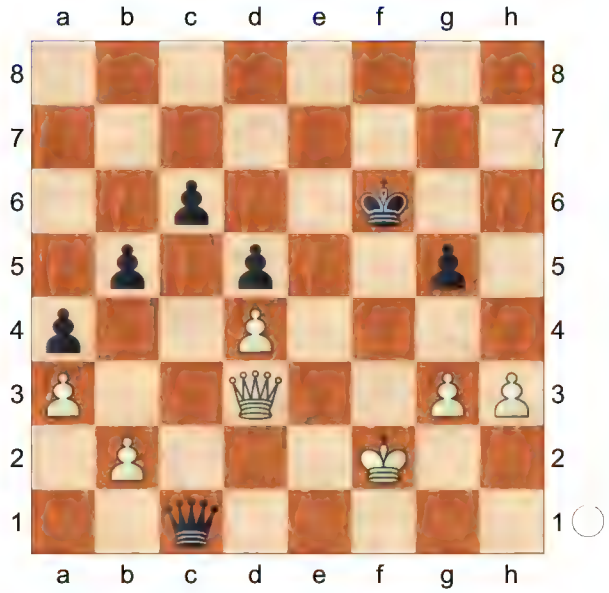
53.Qf5+ Kh6 54.Qf4+ Rg5=]
51...Qxg6 52.Qxg6+ Kh8 53.e5 a3 54.Qxc2 White wants to mate with e5-e6. **54...Ra7 55.Qa2** White threatens e5-e6 and mate. **55...Nd5 56.e6 Nc3 57.Qa1** Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.65
1-0

C50

□ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2675**
■ **Tari,Aryan** **2635**
Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Late blitz (5)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.Re1N
[6.Bg5 h6
A) 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.Nxg5 h4 10.Nxf7 hxg3 11.Nxd8 Bg4 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.h3 *(13.Nc3 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3* Bernstein,O-Jakobsen,O New York New York USA 0-1 *)* 13...Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.Ne6 Bb6 16.Nc3 Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4 Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2 b5 21.Bb3 Rag8 Chapter E5-Sidelines 2023;
B) 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nc3 Ne7 9.d4 exd4 10.e5 Qg6 37) Italian setups without 5.-5.O-O d6 6.Bg5]
[6.a4 a6 *(6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.c3 a5 9.Re1 Qd7 10.Nbd2 g5 11.g4 Nxg4 12.hxg4 Qxg4+ 13.Kf1 Qh3+ 14.Ke2 g4 15.Ng5 Qh4 16.d4 exd4 17.f4 gxf3+ 18.Ndxf3 Ne5 19.Bxf7+ Nxf7 20.cxd4 Nxg5 21.Bxg5* Noetzel,F-Sitnikov,D (ch) 7/283 Bulgaria 1969 0-1*)* 7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 Maghsoodloo,P (2702)-Duda,J (2732) World-chT Rapid 2023 (11) 0-1]
6...a5 7.c3 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 Be6 10.Bb5 Bb6 11.Nc4 Bc5 Hoping for ... Nc6-a7. **12.Ncd2 Bb6** 12...Nd7 is a critical line .12...Sd7 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **13.Nf1 Ne7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4** -0.24/22
[⌓15.Nxd4 0.24/22 d5 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.exd5 Nfxd5 18.Rxe6]
15...d5!= 16.e5 Ne4 17.Ng3 Nxg3 18.fxg3 c6N
[Vorgänger: 18...c5 19.g4 Ng6 20.Bd3 cxd4 21.g5 -0.70/19 *(21.Kh1=* -0.09/19 *)* 21...h5∓ 22.Nh2 Qd7 0.58/20 *(22...Qc8!∓* -0.84/20 Strongly threatening ...Be6-f5. *23.Qf3 Bc7 24.Qxh5 Bf5)* 23.Qxh5± Bf5 0.87/20 *(23...Rfc8±* 0.40/19 *)* 24.Ng4!± Nf4? 4.88/22 *(24...Bxg4!±* 0.49/21 *25.hxg4 Rfe8)* 25.Bxf4+- Ng4-f6+! would kill now. Bxd3 26.e6 Qe7 Aronian,L (2781)-Grischuk,A (2777) Levitov Christmas Online Final blitz 2020 (3.4) 1-0]
19.Bd3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 Bxf5 21.Be3 Be4 22.Nd2 Bg6 A strong pair of Bishops.
23.Bf2 -0.85/22
[23.a4∓ -0.46/19]
23...a4 24.a3 -1.15/22
[24.Nf3∓ -0.69/21]
24...Qd7 -0.71/20
[⌓24...f6 -1.15/22 ...f6xe5 is the strong threat. 25.Qg4 Qe8 26.exf6 Qf7]
25.Qe2 -1.37/20
[⌓25.Nf3 -0.71/20]
25...Rae8 -0.84/22
[⌓25...f6 -1.37/20 And now ...f6xe5 would win. 26.exf6 Rxf6]
26.g4 -1.52/21
[⌓26.Qd1 -0.84/22]
26...Ba5 27.Rf1 f6 28.Nf3 Be4 -0.83/21
[⌓28...Bc7! -1.25/22 29.Be3 fxe5 30.Nxe5 Rxf1+ *(30...Bxe5 31.Rxf8+ Rxf8 32.dxe5∓)* 31.Rxf1 Bxe5 32.dxe5 Qc7 *(32...Rxe5 33.Qf2=)*]
29.exf6 -1.31/23

[⌓29.Bg3 -0.83/21]
29...Bxf3
[29...gxf6?! 30.Bg3∓]
30.Qxf3 Rxf6 31.Qd3 Bc7 -0.53/23
[31...Qe6!∓ -1.49/23 ...Qe6-e2 would now be deadly. 32.b4 axb3 33.Qxb3 Ref8]
32.Kh1 -1.06/25
[32.Bg3∓ -0.53/23 Rxf1+ 33.Rxf1]
32...Qd6∓ 33.Bg1 Repels Qd6-h2+
33...Rxf1 -0.87/25
[Black should try 33...Qg3 -1.37/24 34.Qxg3 Bxg3 35.Rxf6 gxf6]
34.Rxf1 b5 -0.43/24
[34...Re4∓ -0.95/25]
35.Qc2 -1.00/24
[35.Qf5∓ -0.43/24 Rf8 36.Qd3]
35...Rf8 -0.18/26
[Black should play 35...Re4∓ -1.00/24 aiming for ...Re4xd4! 36.Qc3 Qe6]
36.Re1= Rf6 37.Qe2 -0.50/25
[37.Re8+= -0.01/23 is superior. Kf7 38.Re1]
37...Qd7 38.Bh2 Bxh2 39.Kxh2∓ Endgame. KQR-KQR **39...Rf4 40.Qe5 Rf2**
[40...Qf7 seems wilder. 41.Kg3 Rf2 42.Qb8+ Kh7]
41.Qb8+
[41.Kg3 is interesting. Qf7 42.Qb8+ Kh7 43.Re8]
41...Rf8 42.Qg3 Qd8 43.Re6 Rf6 44.Re5 Qf8 45.g5 hxg5 46.Rxg5 Re6 47.Re5 Qf6 48.Rxe6 Qxe6= KQ-KQ **49.Qf3 Qd6+ 50.Kg1 Qg6 51.Qc3 Qf6 52.g3 g5 53.Kg2 Kg7 54.Qe3 Qf5 55.Qe7+ Kh6 56.Qe2 Kg7 57.Qd2 Qe4+ 58.Kf2 Kf6 59.Qe3 Qc2+ 60.Qe2 Qc1 61.Qf3+ Kg6** 0.50/28
[61...Kg7= -0.01/29 62.Qe2 Qb1]
62.Qd3+ -0.01/25
[62.Qc3!± 0.50/28 Qb1 *(62...Qxc3? 63.bxc3 Kh5 64.Kf3+-)* 63.Qxc6+ Kg7 64.Qb7+ *(64.Qxb5 Qf5+ 65.Ke3 Qe4+ 66.Kf2 Qxd4+ 67.Kf1 Qf6+ 68.Kg2 Qe6=; 64.Qxd5 Qxb2+ 65.Kf1 Qb1+ 66.Kg2 Qb2+ 67.Kg1 Qc1+ 68.Kf2 Qb2+ 69.Ke1 Qxa3=)* 64...Kf6 65.Qc6+ *(65.Qxd5 Qxb2+ 66.Kg1 Qc1+ 67.Kg2 Qd2+ 68.Kg1 Qc1+ 69.Kf2 Qb2+ 70.Kg1 Qxa3=; 65.Qxb5 Qf5+ 66.Ke1 Qxh3±)* 65...Ke7 66.Qc7+ *(66.Qxb5 Qf5+ 67.Ke1 Qxh3±; 66.Qxd5 Qxb2+ 67.Kf1 Qc1+ 68.Ke2 Qb2+ 69.Ke1 Qc3+ 70.Kf2 Qb2+ 71.Kg1 Qc1+ 72.Kf2 Qc2+ 73.Ke3 Qc1+ 74.Ke2 g4=)* 66...Ke8 67.Qe5+ Kf8 68.Qe2 *(68.Qxg5 Qxb2+ 69.Ke1 Qb1+ 70.Ke2 Qe4+ 71.Kf1 Qxd4∓)*]
62...Kf6 0.77/25
[62...Kg7= -0.01/25 63.Qe2 Qb1]



63.Qc3!±
[63.Qe2 Qc4 64.Qe5+ Kg6=]
63...Qh1? 4.79/25
[63...Qxc3? 64.bxc3 Ke6 65.Kf3+-]
[63...Qb1!± 0.57/23]
64.Qxc6+? 0.61/26
[64.Qf3++- 4.79/25 Qxf3+ 65.Kxf3]

64...Kf5? #5/12
[64...Kg7± 0.61/26]

65.Qd7+? 0.71/25
[65.Qxb5 Qh2+ 66.Kf3 Qh1+ 67.Ke2 Qg2+ 68.Kd1 Qf3+ 69.Kc1 Qe3+ 70.Kb1 Qxd4=]
[65.g4+! #5/12 Kf4 66.Qc7+ *(66.Qxb5 Qh2+ 67.Ke1 Qxh3=)* 66...Ke4 67.Qc2+ Kxd4 68.Qc3+ Ke4 69.Qe3#]
65...Ke4? #4/10
[65...Kf6± 0.71/25]
66.Qe6+
[66.Qxb5 Qh2+ *(66...Qxh3 67.Qe2+ Kxd4 68.Qe3+ Kc4 69.Qc3+ Kb5 70.Qb4+* Overworked Piece *Kc6 71.Qxa4+ Kc5 72.Qb4+ Kc6 73.Qc3+ Kd6 74.Qf6+ Kc5 75.b4+ Kb5 76.Qxg5±)* 67.Ke1 Qxg3+ 68.Kd2 Qf2+ *(68...Qxh3 69.Qe8+ Kxd4 70.Qxa4+ Ke5 71.Qe8+ Qe6 72.Qh8+ Qf6 73.Qxf6+ Kxf6 74.a4=)* 69.Kc1 Qxd4 70.Qe8+ Kf4-+]
66...Kd3 67.Qe3+? -0.01/5
[67.Qe2+ #3/8 mates Kxd4 68.Qe3+ Kc4 69.Qc3#]

67...Kc2= The position is equal.
68.Qe2+ Kb3 69.Qxb5+ Ka2 70.Qf1 Qe4 71.Qd1 Qf5+ 72.Kg2 Kxb2 73.Qxa4 Qe4+ 74.Kf2 Qf5+ 75.Ke3
Threatens to win with Qa4-b4+.
75...Qe4+ 76.Kf2 Qf5+ 77.Kg1 Qb1+ 78.Kg2 Qe4+ 79.Kf2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) /Black=0.14 (very precise)
½-½

C50

□ **Saric,Ivan** **2647**

■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2694**

FIDE Grand Swiss (11) 05.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 d6 8.Na4 Bb6 9.a3 Bd7N 9...Re8 is setting a new trend. 9...Re8 gains popularity. 9...Te8 setzt einen neuen Trend. 9...Te8 wird beliebter.

[9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 Qe8 12.b4 Ne7 13.Re1 *(13.Ra2 Nh5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.g3 b5 16.Kg2 b6 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd2 d5 20.f3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Nf2 Rdf7 24.Kh2 Qd7 25.Be3 Nh7 26.Kg2 d4 27.cxd4 exd4* Van Foreest,J (2695)-Giri,A (2772) NED-ch KO Utrecht 2023 (4.5) 0-1 *)* 13...Ng6 14.d4 Nd7 15.Be3 Rf6 16.Nh2 Nf4 17.Ng4 Rf8 18.Nxb6 axb6 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 20.g3 Rf8 21.a4 Qg6 22.Nh2 Rf6 23.Ra2 Raf8 24.Re3 Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) Tata Steel India Blitz 2022 (18) ½-½]

[9...Re8 10.b4 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.c4 Ne7 13.Rb1 c6 14.Re1 Bc7 15.d4 exd4 16.Qxd4 Qe8 17.Nh4 c5 18.Qd1 cxb4 19.axb4 Nxe4 20.Bb2 f5 21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Qd5 Ng5 23.f4 Nxh3+ 24.gxh3 Wafa,S (2137)-Stefanova,A (2416) Olympiad Women-45 2024 (2.13) 0-1]

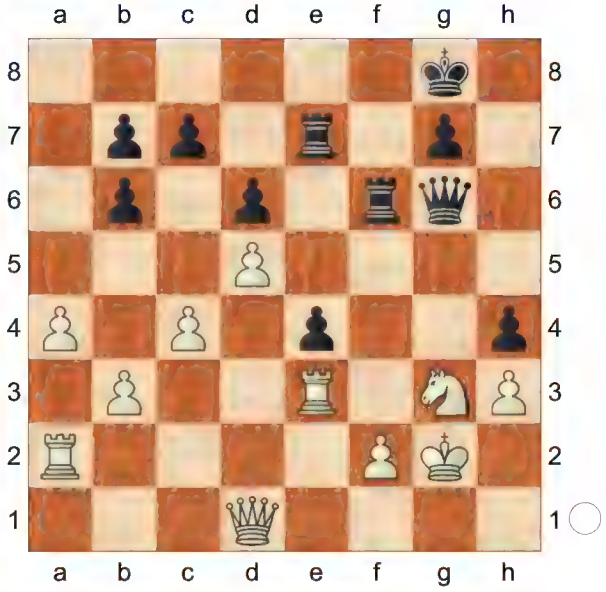
10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Re1 Re8 12.c3 Be6N

[Vorgänger: 12...Ne7 13.Nh4 g5 14.Nf3 Ng6 15.Bb3 Qe7 16.d4 Rad8 17.a4 Qf8 18.Nh2 d5 0.92/22 *(18...exd4±* 0.52/19 *19.Qf3 Qg7)* 19.dxe5± Nxe4 Viskontas,J (2076)-Voveris,S (2410) LTU-ch37 email 2019 ½-½]

13.Bb5 White is slightly better. **13...Bd7 14.a4 Ne7 15.Be3 Ng6 16.Bxd7 Qxd7 17.c4 Nh7 18.b3 f5 19.exf5 Qxf5 20.d4 e4 21.Nd2 Nf6 22.Nf1 Nh4 23.Ng3 Qg6 24.d5 Re7** 0.68/21

[24...Re5 0.32/23 should be considered.]

25.Bd4± Rf8 26.Ra2 h5 27.Re3 Nxg2 28.Kxg2 Threatens to win with Bd4xf6. **28...h4** Pin **29.Bxf6 Rxf6**



30.Qh5! hxg3 31.Qxg6 Rxg6

[31...gxf2? 32.Qxf6 gxf6 33.Rxf2+- *(33.Kxf2 Kf7+-)*]

32.fxg3 Endgame. And now Ra2-e2 would win. KRR-KRR

[32.Rxg3 Kf7=]

32...Rg5 33.h4 Rge5 34.Kh3 g6 35.Kg4 0.38/25

[35.Rae2± 0.77/24]

35...Kg7 36.Rf2 Re8 37.Rf1 R8e7 38.b4 Re8 39.b5 Ra8 40.Rf4 Rae8 41.Kh3 R8e7 0.54/28

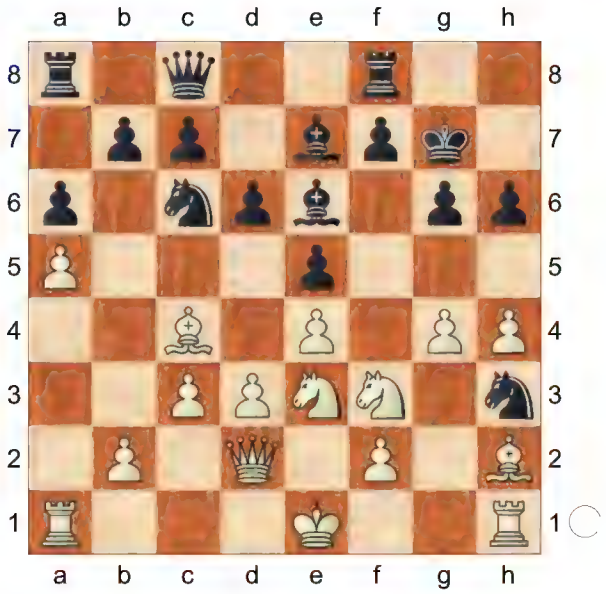
[41...g5= 0.18/28 42.Rf2 *(42.hxg5 Kg6=)* 42...c6]

42.g4 0.01/25
[42.Rf1⩲ 0.54/28]
42...c6 0.87/31 **43.bxc6±** White is more active. **43...bxc6 44.dxc6 Rc7 45.g5** 0.46/27
[Of course not 45.Rfxe4?! Rxc6 46.g5 Rxc4 47.Rxc4 Rxe3+ 48.Kg4 Re1=]
[45.Rexe4± 1.00/26 Rxc6 46.g5]
45...Rxc6⩲ 46.Rexe4
[Don't play 46.Rfxe4 Rxc4 47.Rxc4 Rxe3+ 48.Kg4 Re1=]
46...Rxe4 47.Rxe4 KR-KR **47...Rc7 48.Kg4 Ra7 49.h5! Rxa4 50.h6+ Kh7 51.Re7+** 0.01/25
[Better is 51.Kf4⩲ 0.62/27]
51...Kh8= 52.Rg7 Rxc4+ 53.Kf3 Rc3+ 54.Kf4 Rc4+ 55.Ke3 The position is equal. **55...Rc3+! 56.Kd4 Rc5 57.Rxg6 b5 58.Ke4 b4 59.Kf4 b3** (-> ...b3-b2) **60.Rxd6 Rb5 61.Rd8+ Kh7 62.Rd7+ Kh8!**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

C50

□ **Warmerdam,Max** **2663**
■ **Bok,Benjamin** **2587**
NED-ch KO Utrecht (3.1) 10.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.a5!?** Leaves trodden paths.Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1]
9...a6N
[9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 *(11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 24.Nexg4 R2f4 25.c4 bxc4* Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.9) 1-0) 11...b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 24.fxe5 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) ½-½]
10.c3N
[Vorgänger: 10.Nbd2 Be6 0.47/20 *(10...b5=* 0.11/22 might be stronger. *11.axb6 cxb6)* 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Nh7 13.c3 Ng5 14.Qb3 Qd7 15.Rfe1 Rab8 16.h3 Caruana,F (2795)-Xiong,J (2681) Saint Louis Rapid 2023 (9) 1-0]
10...g6 11.Nbd2 Nh5 12.h3 Bg5 13.Bh2 Kg7 14.Nf1 -0.25/21
[14.d4± 0.36/21]
14...Bf4 0.37/21
[Better is 14...f5= -0.25/21]
15.g3± Bg5 16.h4! Be7 17.Ne3 Qe8 18.g4 Nf4 19.Rg1 0.26/20
[White should try 19.d4± 0.80/18]
19...Be6= 20.Qd2 Nh3 21.Rh1 Qc8



22.Bxe5+! Nxe5 23.Nxe5 Bc4xe6 is the strong threat.
[23.Rxh3? Bxg4 *(23...Nxg4? 24.Bxe6 Qxe6 25.Nd4+-)* 24.Nxe5 Bxh3-+]
23...Nxf2 0.96/21
[23...Nf4!= 0.27/21 keeps the balance. 24.Nf3 *(24.Bxe6 fxe6 25.Nf3 Nxd3+ 26.Qxd3 Rxf3=)* 24...d5 25.Bxd5 Nxd5 26.exd5 Bxg4]
24.Qxf2± dxe5 25.Qg3 White is more active. **25...Bxc4** 1.51/23
[⌓25...Kh7 0.97/19 26.Bxe6 *(26.Qxe5 Bd6±)* 26...Qxe6]
26.Nxc4 Bd6 27.0-0-0
[27.Nxe5? Qe6 *(27...f6? 28.g5-+)*

28.Kd2 *(28.d4? f6-+)* 28...Bxe5-+ *(28...Qxe5? 29.Qxe5+ Bxe5 30.d4-+)*]

27...Qe6 28.Rdf1 f6 29.Qf3 Bc5 1.79/22

[29...Rad8± 1.40/23 was necessary. 30.h5 g5]

30.h5+- Strongly threatening h5xg6.

30...g5 31.Qf5 Qe8 3.02/23

[31...Qxf5± 1.56/23 keeps fighting. 32.Rxf5 Ba7]

32.d4 Bd6 3.02/24

[⌓32...Ba7 2.12/21 33.d5 *(33.dxe5 fxe5 34.Qxe5+ Qxe5±)* 33...Kh8]

33.Rd1 Rd8 34.Kb1 Qf7 3.07/25

[⌓34...exd4 1.82/25 35.Rxd4 *(35.cxd4 Bf4±)* 35...Bf4 36.Rxd8 Qxd8]

35.d5 Qe8 36.Kc2 Bc5 37.Rd3 1.45/23

[37.b4+- 2.85/24 Ba7 38.Kb2]

37...Kh8? 3.10/23 A mistake that costs the game.

[37...Qa4+± 1.45/23 38.Kb1 *(38.b3 Qa2+ 39.Nb2 Ba3±)* 38...Qxc4 39.Qg6+ Kh8 40.Qxh6+ Kg8 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.Qh6+ *(42.Rdh3? Rd7-+)* 42...Kg8 43.Qg6+ Kh8 44.Qh6+ *(44.Rdh3? Rd7-+)*]

38.b3 Black is weak on the light squares

38...Bd6 39.Ra1 Kg7 40.Qe6 Qxe6 41.dxe6 Rfe8 42.Ne3 Kf8 43.Nf5 Bc5? 5.95/26

[43...Rb8 3.54/23 might work better. 44.Nxh6 *(44.Nxd6 cxd6 45.Rxd6 Red8+-)* 44...Rxe6]

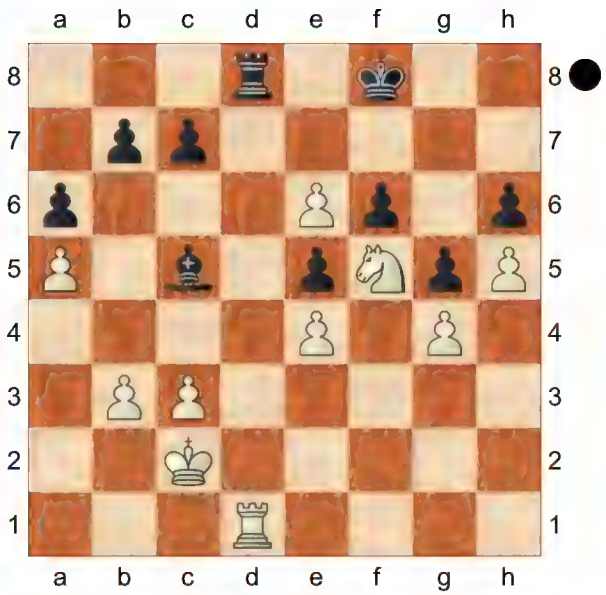
44.Rxd8 White is clearly winning.

[44.Nxh6 Rxd3 45.Kxd3 Rxe6=]

44...Rxd8 45.Rd1

(Diagram)

Bd6 46.c4 Ke8 8.55/24



[⌓46...Re8 5.20/23 47.Nxd6 *(47.Nxh6 Rxe6 48.Nf5 Kg8+-)* 47...cxd6 48.Rxd6 Rc8]

47.Nxh6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.41

1-0

C50
□ **Santos Latasa,Jaime** 2624
■ **Pranesh,M** 2598
Timisoara Foisor Memorial Rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

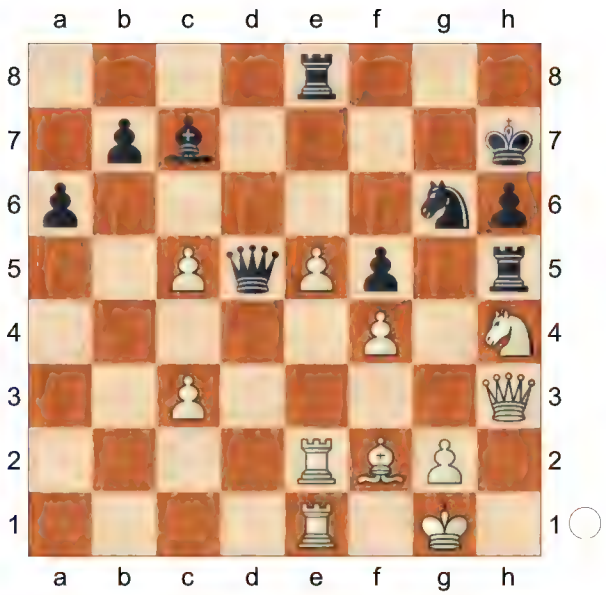
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.h3 a6 7.a4 h6 8.c3 The position is equal. **8...d6 9.Re1 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Ne7**
[10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5.1) 1-0]
11.Bb3N
[11.d4 Ng6 12.Bf1 c6 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.a5 Re8 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nc4 Be6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Rxe3 Rad8 19.Ree1 Rd7 20.Ne3 Rdd8 21.Rab1 Nf4 22.b4 Bc8 23.Rb2 Ne6 24.Nd2 Ng5 25.h4 Ne6 Maldonado Gonzales,S (2092)-Nielsen,V (2388) Bassano del Grappa Vergani Cup 2023 (2) ½-½ 26.g3 Qe7 27.Nf5 Qf8 28.Nf3 Nc7 29.Ne3 Ng4 30.Nxg4 Bxg4 31.Nd2 g5 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Nc4 Qh6 34.Ne3 Bc8 35.Bg2 Nb5 36.Rbb1 Qf6 37.Kf1 Be6 38.Rbd1 Qe7 39.Qb2 Rxd1 40.Rxd1 Rd8 Stoll,J (2092)-Sokolow,J (2388) World Championship Match, 10th Game 31 (2) ½-½]
11...Ng6 12.d4 Re8 13.Bc2 c6 13...b5 gains popularity.13...b5 wird beliebter. **14.Nf1 Qc7 15.Ng3 Be6** 0.69/22
[15...c5= 0.29/22 might be stronger.]
16.Be3 Rad8 17.Qc1 Bb8 18.a5 Rd7N 1.88/21
[Vorgänger: 18...Qd7 19.dxe5 0.01/21 *(19.Ra4± 0.59/20)* 19...dxe5= 20.Bb6 aiming for Re1-d1! Bc7 21.Qe3 Nf4 22.Rad1 Qc8! 23.Bxc7 Qxc7 24.b4 -0.40/23 *(24.Qc5=* 0.01/24 feels stronger.*)* 24...g6 -0.03/20 *(24...Rxd1∓* -0.40/23 is more appropriate. *25.Rxd1 Rc8)* 25.Nf1 -0.54/23 *(25.Rxd8=* -0.03/20 *Rxd8 26.Rb1)* 25...Kg7∓ 26.N1d2 -1.12/23 *(26.Qc5∓* -0.36/21 *)* 26...c5 -0.16/23 *(* Black should play *26...Bxh3!∓* -1.12/23 *27.gxh3 Nxh3+ 28.Kg2 Nf4+ 29.Kg1 Ng4)* 27.Qxc5= Qxc5 28.bxc5 Nd7 29.c6 Esipenko,A (2625)-Yakubboev,N (2574) Abu Dhabi op 26th 2019 (7) ½-½]
[18...Qd7± 0.39/20]

19.Ra4 0.57/20
[19.Bxh6!+- 1.88/21 Black must now prevent Ng3-f5! gxh6 20.Qxh6]
19...d5 1.76/23
[19...Qd8!± 0.57/20]
20.dxe5+- Nxe4 21.Bb6 Zwischenzug **21...Qc8 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Raxe4 Bf5**

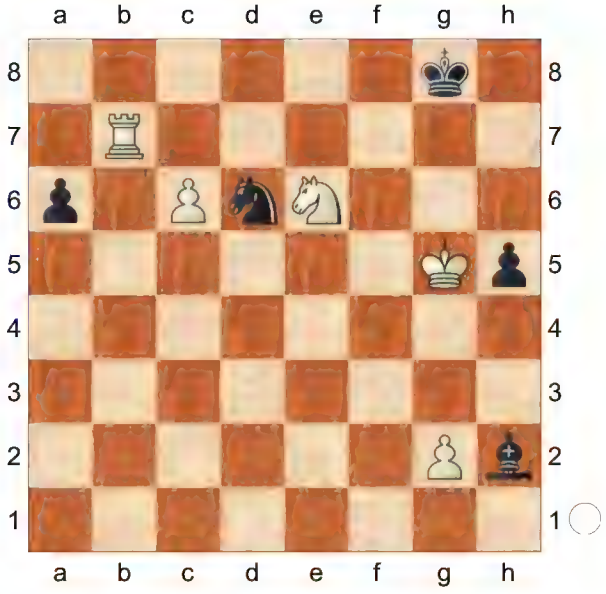
24.R4e3 Bxc2 25.Qxc2 Rde7 Black is weak on the dark squares **26.Bc5 Re6 27.Qf5 Bc7 28.b4 Qb8 29.Bd4 Ne7 30.Qb1 Ng6 31.Qf5?** -0.01/19 White is more active.
[31.Qe4± 1.55/22]
31...Ne7!= 32.Qg4↑ Keeping Black busy. **32...Ng6** 1.96/21
[32...Nd5± 1.55/21]
33.Qh5+- Qd8 2.15/20
[33...Nf4± 1.41/21 34.Qf5 Nd5]
34.Re4 Qd5 2.34/20
[34...Bb8 1.92/20 is a better defense. 35.c4 Bd6]
35.h4 c5 2.56/24
[⌓35...Nf8 1.83/21 36.c4 Qd7]
36.bxc5 1.12/23
[36.Bxc5+- 2.56/24 Hoping for c3-c4. Qd3 37.Bd4]
36...Bxa5 37.Qg4 Bc7 3.06/22
[37...Ne7± 1.58/21 38.h5 Nc6]
38.Qg3? 1.11/21
[38.h5+- 3.06/22 is more deadly.]
38...f5 1.81/22
[38...Nf8± 1.11/21]
39.R4e2 Ne7 40.h5 g5 2.98/20
[40...a5± 1.60/20 41.Rb2 a4]
41.hxg6 Rxg6 42.Qh3 Threatens to win with Nf3-h4. **42...Kh7?** 3.80/22
[42...Qe6 2.21/20 43.Be3 Qc4]
43.Nh4 Rg5 44.f4 Rh5 45.Bf2 Ng6

(Diagram)

46.Qf3!
[46.c4 Qc6=]
46...Qxf3 47.Nxf3 Nxf4 48.Rd2 Re7 5.40/23 Dodges Rd2-d7
[⌓48...Kg6 3.65/22 49.Rd7 Ne6]
49.Bh4 Rxh4 50.Nxh4 Bxe5 51.Kf1 Ng6 52.Rd5 Bg3 53.Rxe7+
[53.Nxf5? Rxe1#]
53...Nxe7 Endgame. KRN-KBN **54.Rd4**



[Not 54.Nxf5 Nxd5 55.Nxg3 Nxc3=]
54...Kg8 55.Nf3 Nc6 56.Rd7 Na5 57.Nd4 Be5 58.Ke2 h5 59.Kd3 f4 60.Ke4 Bf6 61.Kf5 Bh4 62.Ne6 Nc4 63.Kxf4 Bf6 64.Rxb7 Bxc3 65.c6 White wants to mate with Kf4-g5.
65...Be5+ 66.Kf5 Bh2 67.Kg5 17.30/22
[⌓67.c7 #6/14 Bxc7 68.Rxc7 Nd6+ 69.Kg6 h4 70.Ra7 Kh8 71.Ra8+ Ne8 72.Rxe8#]
67...Nd6



68.c7! a5
[68...Nc8 69.Rb8]

69.Rb6 8.65/22
[⌓69.Kg6 #4/10 Nc8 70.Rb8 *(70.Kxh5 Kf7+-)* 70...Bd6 71.Rxc8+ Bf8 72.Rxf8#]
69...Ne4+ 70.Kg6 Bxc7 71.Nxc7
7.24/5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.36
[⌓71.Ra6 #4/10 Bb8 72.Ra8 *(72.Kxh5 Kf7+-)* 72...Nd6 73.Rxb8+ Ne8 74.Rxe8#]
1-0

C50

□ **Demchenko,Anton** **2609**
■ **Shirov,Alexei** **2661**

Titled Tuesday intern op 16th Apr Late blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

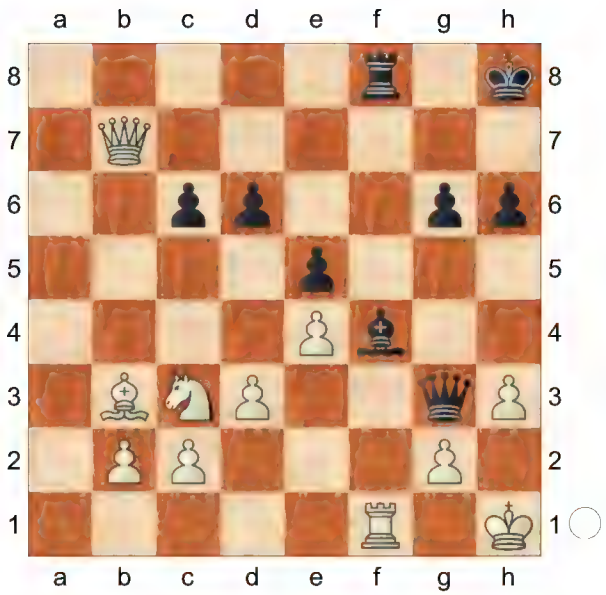
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 0.27/20
[⌓6...d6 -0.12/20]
7.Bg3= d6 8.a4 0-0 The position is equal. **9.h3**
[9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 axb6 13.Nc3 Qd7 14.Qd2 Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Ne2 e5 17.c3 c5 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Qb4 b5 20.Qb3+ Kh7 21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.h3 Rc8 23.f4 Nh5 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.7) ½-½]
9...g6N 0.52/19 9...Kh8 is a critical line. 9...Kh8 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[9...Be6= 0.07/19 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.0-0]
[9...a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 24.h4 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1]
[9...Re8 10.0-0 Bf8 11.c3 Be6 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Re1 Rad8 14.Bh4 Be7 15.a5 a6 16.Bg3 Bf8 17.b4 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 #5]
10.a5!± An important novelty. Eine beachtenswerte Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 Nh5 13.Bh2 Nf4 0.64/21 *(13...Bg5= 0.24/19)* 14.Bxf4± Rxf4 15.Ne2 Rf7 16.c3 Demchenko,A (2654)-Navara,D (2682) Chess.com Rapid Wk16 Swiss 2022 (9) ½-½]
10...Nh5 11.a6 -0.10/19
[White should try 11.Bh2± 0.51/19]
11...Nxg3= 12.axb7 Bxb7
[12...Nxh1? 13.bxa8Q *(13.bxa8R Bh4+-)* 13...Nb4 14.c3+- *(14.Rxa7 d5+-; 14.Qxa7 g5+-)*]
13.fxg3 Kg7 0.18/19
[⌓13...Nd4 -0.18/21]
14.Nc3 Nd4 15.0-0 Bg5 0.55/20
[15...Nxf3+= -0.09/21 16.Rxf3 c6]
16.Kh2 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 f5 0.58/20 Black is weak on the light squares
[17...h5= 0.19/20 is more appropriate.]
18.Bd5 0.04/22
[18.Qe2± 0.58/20]
18...c6 19.Bb3 f4 White must now prevent ...f4xg3+. **20.Kh1** -0.33/25
[20.Ne2= 0.13/21]
20...fxg3∓ 21.Qxg3 Bf4 22.Qf2 Qg5 0.93/23
[22...Qb6= -0.10/22 remains equal.]
23.Rxa7± White is more active.
23...Rxa7 24.Qxa7 Qg3? 3.06/24
25.Qxb7++-
[25.Rxf4 Rxf4 26.Qxb7+ Kf6∓]
25...Kh8

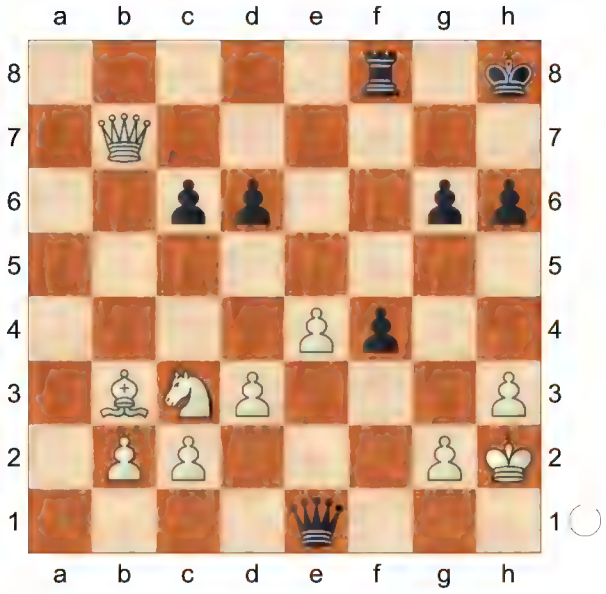
(Diagram)

26.Rxf4! Qe1+
[26...Rxf4 27.Qb8+]
27.Kh2 exf4

(Diagram)

28.Ne2 Inhibits Qe1-g3+. **28...Qxe2** Endgame. KQR-KQB **29.Qe7 Ra8** 15.71/26



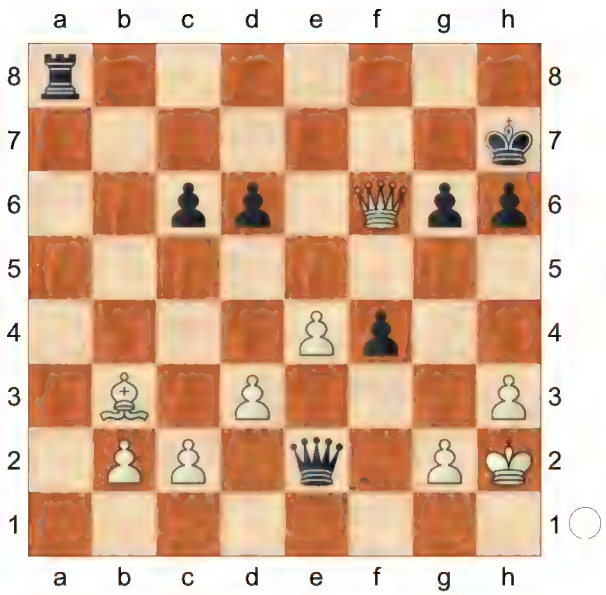


[⌓29...Rb8 5.04/25 30.Qf6+ *(30.Qxd6 Rxb3 31.cxb3 f3+-)* 30...Kh7 31.Qe7+ *(31.Qxd6 Rb7±)* 31...Kh8 32.Qxd6 Rxb3 33.cxb3 Qxb2 34.Qxg6 *(34.Qxf4 Kg8+-)* 34...Qf2 35.Qxh6+ Kg8 36.Qg6+ *(36.Qxc6 Qg3+ 37.Kg1 Qe1+ 38.Kh2 Qg3+ 39.Kg1 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qg3+=)* 36...Kf8]

30.Qf6+!

[30.Qxd6 f3 31.Qxg6 *(31.Qxc6? Qxg2#)* 31...Qxg2+ 32.Qxg2 fxg2±]

30...Kh7



31.Qf7+! Deflection

[31.Qxd6 Qf2 32.Qe7+ *(32.Qxc6?* gets mated. *Qg3+ 33.Kh1 Ra1#)* 32...Kh8 33.Qf6+ Kh7 34.Qf7+ *(34.Qxc6? Qg3+ 35.Kh1 Ra1#)* 34...Kh8 35.Qxg6 Qh4±]

[31.Qxf4 h5±]

31...Kh8 32.Qxg6 d5 33.Qxh6+ Kg8 34.Qxc6 f3 35.Bxd5+ Kg7 36.Qd7+

[36.Qxa8? Qxg2#]

36...Kh8 37.Qg4

[37.Bxa8? Qxg2#]

37...Rf8 38.Qh5+ Kg7 39.Qg5+ Kh7 40.Qh5+? 0.01/5

[40.e5+- 5.55/26 Qxg2+ 41.Qxg2 fxg2 42.Kxg2]

40...Kg7=

(Diagram)

41.Qg4+ -0.01/20

[41.Qe5+!+- 2.12/32 Kh6 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qd7+ *(43.Qe7+ Kg6=)* 43...Kh6 44.Qe6+ Kh7 45.Qg4 *(45.Qe7+ Kg6±)* 45...Qxc2 46.d4]

41...Kh8! 42.Be6 Qe3 #14/23

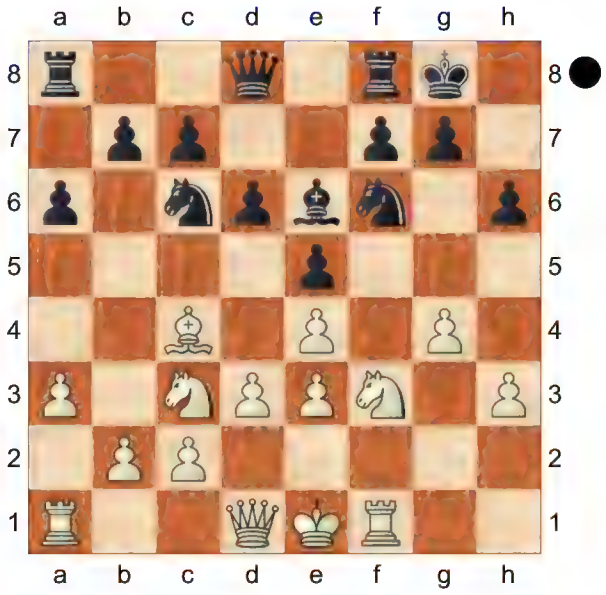
[42...Qxg2++- 5.11/27 43.Qxg2 fxg2 44.Kxg2 Rb8]

43.Bf5? 0.01/23
[43.Qh4+ #14/23 mates Kg7 44.Qe7+ Kg6 45.Bf5+ *(45.Qxf8 Qa7+-)* 45...Rxf5 46.exf5+ Kxf5 47.g4+ *(47.Qxe3 f2 48.g4+ Kf6 49.g5+ Kf7 50.Kg2 f1R 51.Kxf1 Kg6 52.Qe7 Kh5 53.Qf6 Kh4 54.Kg2 Kh5 55.Qh6#)* 47...Kg6 48.Qxe3]
43...f2? #3/8
[43...Rxf5= 0.01/23 44.Qxf5 f2]
44.Qh5+ Kg7 45.Qg6+
Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

C50

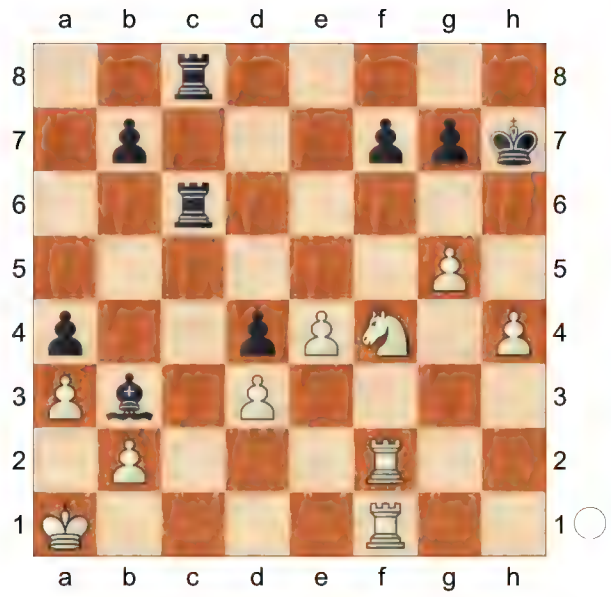
□ **Vocaturo,Daniele** **2632**
■ **Navara,David** **2695**
EU-chT 24th Budva (6.1) 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.h3 a6 7.Be3 d6 8.a3 Bxe3 The position is equal. **9.fxe3 Be6 10.Rf1N**
[10.Nd2 b5 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 d5 14.Nb3 Qd6 15.Rf3 Ne7 16.Raf1 c5 17.exd5 exd5 18.d4 cxd4 19.exd4 e4 20.R3f2 Nd7 21.Nd1 Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Rf8 23.Ne3 Rf6 24.c3 Kh8 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Levchenko,M (2665) Jermuk FIDE GP 2009 (3.1) 0-1 25.Rxf6 Qxf6 26.Qg4 Nb6 27.Nc5 Nc4 28.Nxc4 bxc4 29.Qg3 Kh7 30.a4 Ng6 31.Nd7 Qf5 32.Ne5 Nf4 33.Qf2 Qf6 34.Kh2 Nd3 35.Qxf6 gxf6 36.Nd7 e3 37.Nxf6+ Kh8 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Levchenko,M (2665) Jermuk FIDE GP 2009 (3.1) 0-1]
[10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe1 Bxc4 12.dxc4 Nb8 13.Nh4 Nbd7 14.Nf5 g6 15.Qh4 gxf5 16.Qxh6 Nh7 17.Rxf5 f6 18.Raf1 Rf7 19.Qh4 c6 20.Ne2 Qb6 21.R1f3 Rg7 22.Rh5 Qxb2 23.Rg3 Ndf8 24.Rxg7+ Kxg7 Martinez Alcantara,J (2619)-Tabatabaei,M (2689) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W 2023 (2.4) 1-0]
[10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Qd2 d5 12.0-0-0 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 Rd8+ 16.Ke2 Rxd1 17.Rxd1 Ke7 18.b4 Rd8 19.Rb1 b5 20.c4 bxc4 21.Rc1 Rb8 22.Rxc4 Kd6 23.Nd2 Rb5 24.Rc3 a5 Golubka,P (2360)-Lewtak,D (2386) POL-chT 2nd League 2022 (4.36) ½-½]
10...0-0 0.39/21
[10...Bxc4= 0.00/20 11.dxc4 Nd7]
11.g4 -0.09/20
[11.Qe2± 0.39/21]



11...Nxe4!= Deflection **12.Nxe4** Strongly threatening Bc4xe6. **12...d5 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Ng3 a5 15.e4 Be6 16.Qd2 Nd4** 0.23/21
[⌓16...b5 -0.18/20]
17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Nf5 Ra6
[18...Bxf5 19.gxf5 Qh4+ 20.Qf2 Qxf2+ 21.Rxf2∓]
19.Qf4 c5 20.0-0-0 Qg5 21.h4 Qxf4+ 22.Rxf4 a4 23.g5 Kh7 24.Rg1 h5 25.Rgf1 Rd8 26.Ng3 c4 27.Nxh5 cxd3 28.cxd3 Rc8+ 29.Kb1! Bb3 30.R4f2 Prevents Bb3-c2+ **30...Rac6** Hoping for ...Bb3-c2+. **31.Nf4 Bc2+! 32.Ka1 Bb3! 33.Kb1** -0.01/23 Against Rc6-c1+
[33.Ne2!± 0.46/24 was preferrable.]
33...Bc2+! 34.Ka1 Bb3!

(Diagram)



35.Kb1 -0.01/37 Prevents Rc6-c1+.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
[White should try 35.Ne2!± 0.78/24]
½-½

C50
□ **Mamedov,Rauf** **2637**
■ **Kourkoulos Arditis,Stamatis** **2570**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (9.2) 20.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.Be3 Bxe3 7.fxe3 d6

[7...Qe7 8.0-0 d6 9.Nh4 Na5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.axb3 c6 12.Qe1 Be6 13.h3 a6 14.d4 0-0 15.Rd1 Rad8 16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bd7 19.e4 Rc8 20.c3 Qd8 21.Qf2 Qc7 22.Kh2 Bryson,D (2365)-Arakhamia Grant,K (2430) SCO-ch Edinburgh 1999 (2) 1-0]

8.a3N 8.a4 is a critical line.8.a4 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.

[8.0-0 0-0 *(8...Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Ne7 11.e4 0-0 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.h3 Ng6 14.d4 Rae8 15.Bd3 Re7 16.Qb4 c6 17.Rad1 Qc7 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Rxe5 20.Qd4 c5 21.Qc4 Rfe8 22.Rde1 Qe7 23.Rf2* Albayrak,M (1362)-Golke,P (1374) GER-ch U25-B 2023 (8) 0-1*)* 9.Qe1 Be6 10.Bb3 Bxb3 11.axb3 a6 12.Qg3 Qd7 13.Nh4 Rad8 14.Rxf6 Ne7 15.Rxh6 c6 16.Rf1 g6 17.Nf5 Qe6 18.Qh4 Nxf5 19.exf5 Qe8 20.Rh8+ Kg7 21.f6# Kiarner,H-4.f4 ♘f6 5.♗d3 0-0 44103 British Chess Association tourney sf 1875 (2.1) 1-0]

[8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rf2 Be6 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO C5 2006]

8...0-0 9.Qe2 Be6 0.89/20

[9...a6= 0.09/20]

10.0-0-0N 0.51/19

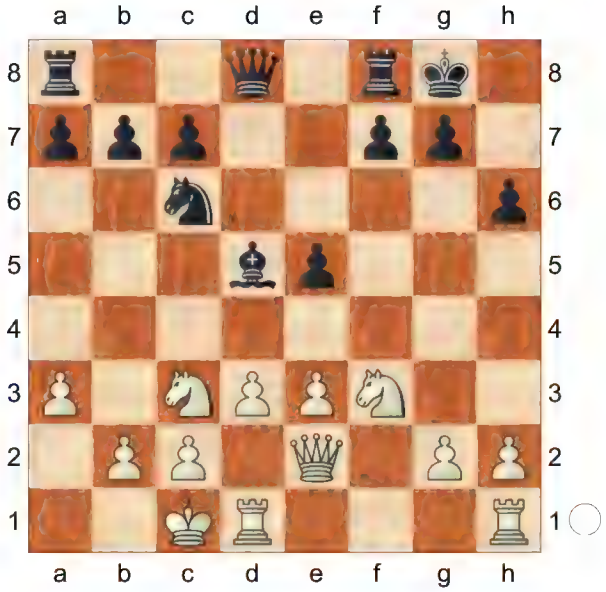
[Vorgänger: 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Rg1 0.22/21 *(11.0-0-0± 0.68/20)* 11...Nh7 0.79/21 *(11...d5=* 0.22/21 keeps the balance. *)* 12.0-0-0± Ng5 13.Nd2 Nh7 14.g4 d5 1.49/21 *(14...Qe7±* 0.47/22 *)* 15.exd5!± exd5 16.Qg2 Piroska,I (2137)-Dankhazi,A (2329) HUN-chT2 Charousek 1718 2017 (3.5) 1-0]

[10.Rg1± 0.89/20]

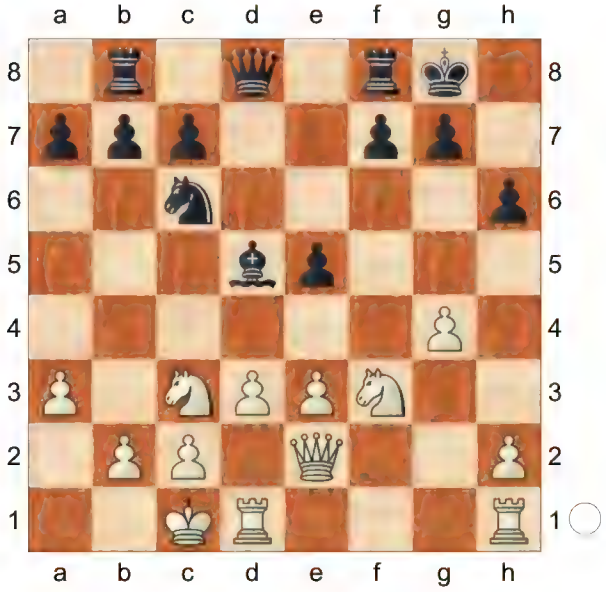
10...d5 1.49/22

[Better is 10...Rb8± 0.51/19]

11.exd5± Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Bxd5



13.g4! Rb8

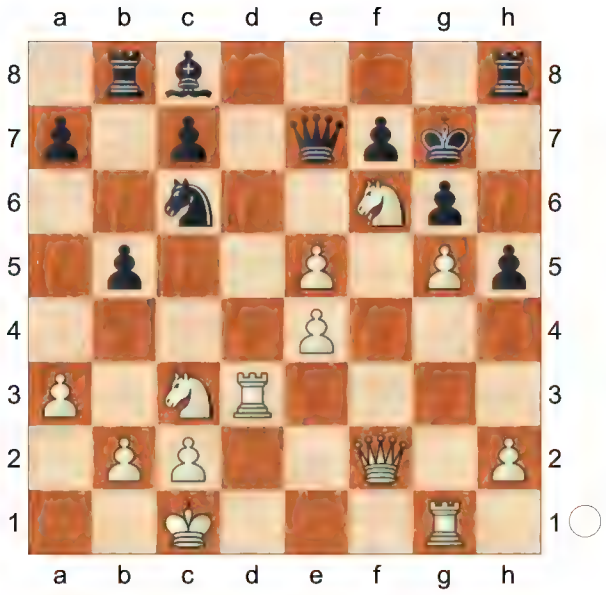


14.g5! Hoping for g5xh6. **14...h5**
[14...Bxf3 15.Qxf3]
15.Rhg1 g6 16.Nd2 Kg7 17.Qf2 Be6 18.Nde4 Bf5 2.35/20
[18...Bg4± 1.03/21 is a better defense.]
19.Nf6+- Nf6xh5+! is the strong threat. Excellent horsemanship. **19...Rh8 20.d4 b5 21.dxe5 Qe7**

22.e4!↑ Keeping Black busy. **22...Bh3** 3.62/20
[22...Bg4 1.88/21]
23.Rd3
[23.Ncd5 Qxe5 24.Nf4 Be6 25.Nxe6+ Qxe6+-]
23...Bc8

(Diagram)

24.Nd7 Clearance **24...Bxd7**
[24...Rb7 25.Qf6+]
25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Qxe7 Remove Defender **26...Nxe7 27.Rxd7 Nc6 28.e6**
[28.Rxc7 Nxe5 29.Rf1 *(29.Rxa7 Kg7+-)* 29...Kg7 30.Rxa7 Rhf8+-]
28...fxe6 29.Rxc7 Ne5 30.Re7
[30.Rxa7 h4 31.Rd1 Rh5±]



30...Nf3 31.Rg2 Rb6 5.51/24
[⌓31...Rh7 3.70/21 32.Rxe6 Kg7]
32.Rf2 Nxg5 33.h4 Nh7 8.17/26
[⌓33...Nh3 5.10/21]
34.Rff7 g5 35.Rg7+ 5.48/5 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.71
[⌓35.e5 #10/20 g4 36.Rg7+ *(36.Rxa7 g3+-)* 36...Kf8 37.Ref7+ *(37.Rxh7 Rxh7 38.Rxh7 g3+-)* 37...Ke8 38.Rxa7 *(38.Rxh7 Rxh7 39.Rxh7 b4+-)* 38...Kf8 39.Rgc7 *(39.Rxh7 Rxh7 40.Rxh7 b4+-)* 39...Rb8 40.Nxb5 Back Rank *(40.Rxh7 Rxh7 41.Rxh7 Rb6+-)*]
1-0

C50

□ **Fawzy,Adham** **2507**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2766**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (2.5) 12.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bf4

[8.Re1 Re8 9.Bf4 Ne5 10.Bb3 Bf8 11.h3 c6 12.a4 a5 13.Bh2 Ng6 14.Qd2 Be6 15.Rad1 Bxb3 16.Nxb3 Qb6 17.Qe3 Qxe3 18.Rxe3 Ne5 19.Nd2 g6 20.Ree1 Ned7 21.Nc4 d5 22.exd5 Rxe1+ 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2731)-Tarielashvili,D (2565) Budapest Vezerkepzo Christmas GM 2022 (3.2) ½-½]

8...Ne5 9.Bb3 c6N

[9...c5 10.Bxe5 dxe5 11.Nf3 1) Italian - Early Sidelines-Italian Early Sidelines 3...]

10.Re1 Re8 White is slightly better.

11.Nf5 -0.19/19

[11.Bg3± 0.63/19]

11...Bf8= 12.Ne3 b5 13.Bxe5 dxe5 -0.24/21

[13...Rxe5∓ -0.63/21 might be stronger. 14.a3 a5 *(14...Nxe4 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7 16.Nxe4=)*]

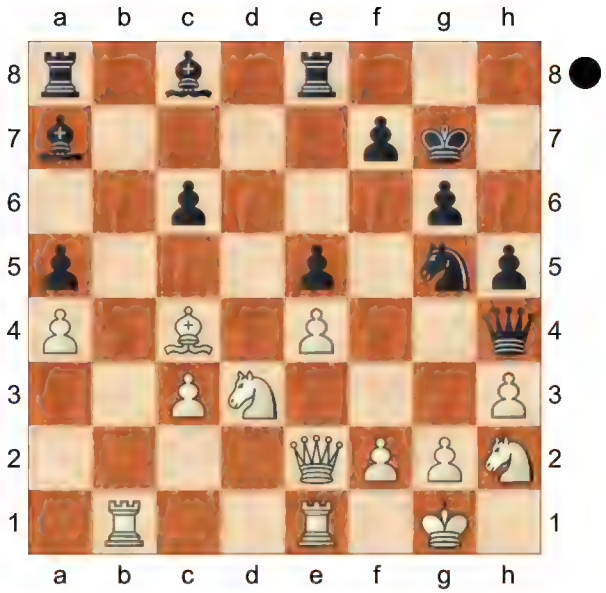
14.Qf3 g6 15.a4 b4 16.Na2 Bc5 17.Nc1 a5 18.Nd3 Bd4 19.h3 Kg7 20.Red1 Qc7 21.c3 bxc3 22.bxc3 Ba7 23.Bc4 h5 24.Rab1 Qe7 25.Re1 Nh7 26.Qe2 -0.83/21

[26.Nf1∓ -0.38/23 is more appropriate.]

26...Qh4∓ 27.Nf1 Ng5 28.Nh2 -2.07/22

[28.Kh1∓ -0.69/22]

(Diagram)



28...f5!-+ 29.Nf3 Nxf3+ 30.Qxf3 f4 31.Qd1? -3.72/21 Now White is beyond hope.

[31.Red1∓ -1.45/20 was worth a try.]

31...Rf8 ...f4-f3! would now be deadly.

32.Nxe5 aiming for Qd1-d6! **32...Bxf2+ 33.Kh1** -5.77/21

[33.Kf1 -3.89/23 is a better defense. Bxe1 34.Qxe1 Qxe1+ 35.Rxe1]

33...Rd8 Black is clearly winning.

34.Qe2 Bxh3 This pair of bishops is nice. **35.Nf3 Qg3 36.gxh3**

Strongly threatening Bc4-e6! **36...Rd2!!**

Deflection.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/
Black=0.07 (flawless)
0-1

		C50
□	**Mendonca,Leon Luke**	**2640**
■	**Kuybokarov,Temur**	**2602**
Sharjah Masters 7th (7)		20.05.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.c3 Qf6N

[5...Bb6 6.0-0 *(6.a4 Nf6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3* 2) Italian - Fast & Furious-3...Bc5 4.d3 d6 #1*)* 6...h6 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.Bb3 a5 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 20.Nb1 Firouzja,A (2785)-So,W (2760) Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd 2023 (1) 0-1 Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 24.R1c2 Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 Re8 27.Rc5 Qd6 28.Rcc3 Rfe4 29.g3 Re2 30.Rd2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 32.Kg2 Qb1 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 35.h4 Gazi,M (2785)-Sudgen,J (2760) Simultaneous (Game 7) 2000 (1) 0-1]

6.a4 aiming for b2-b4.

[6.b4!? Bb6□ 7.0-0±]

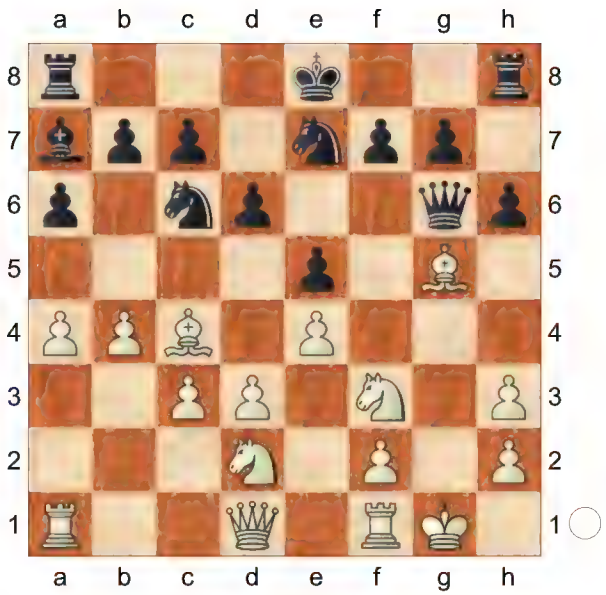
6...a6 7.b4 Ba7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...Nge7 9.Bg5 Qg6 10.Nbd2**

[10.Bh4 seems wilder. 0-0 11.b5 axb5 12.axb5 Bxf2+ 13.Bxf2 Rxa1 14.bxc6 Nxc6 15.Qb3]

10...Bh3! 11.gxh3 And now Kg1-h1 would win. **11...h6**

(Diagram)

Pin **12.h4 hxg5 13.Nxg5 Nd8** ...f7-f6! would now be deadly. **14.Kh1! Rxh4 15.Rg1** Hoping for Nd2-f3.



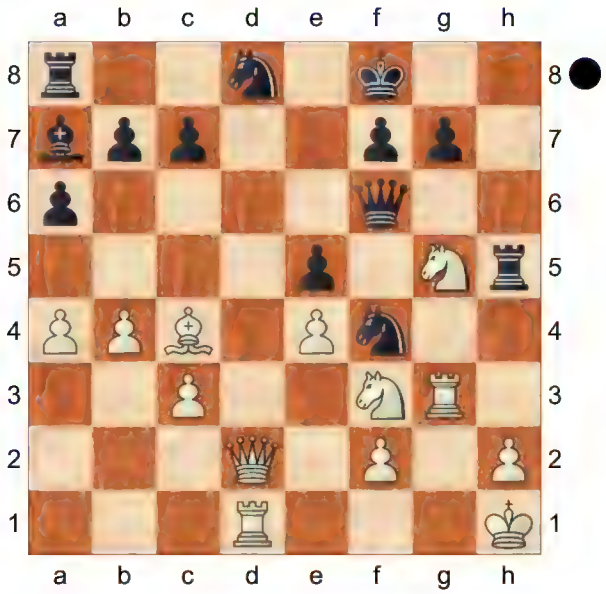
15...Qf6

[15...Bxf2? 16.Rg2+-]

16.Ndf3⇄ White is fighting back **16...Rh5 17.d4 Ng6! 18.Rg3 Nf4 19.Qd2 Kf8 20.dxe5** -0.41/21

[White should play 20.Rd1= 0.24/20]

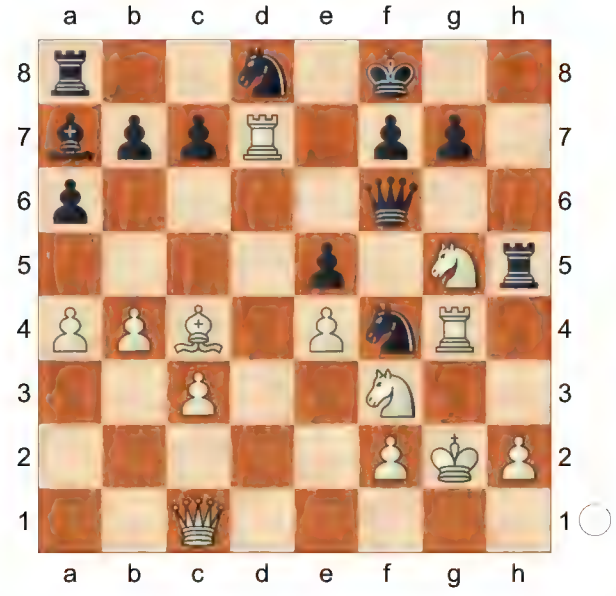
20...dxe5∓ Strongly threatening ...Qf6-d6. **21.Rd1!**



Qd6 0.72/23 **22.Qc1±**

[22.Qxd6+ cxd6 23.Rxd6 Bxf2 *(23...f6 24.Rd7∓)* 24.Nxf7 *(24.Rg4? f6-+)* 24...Bxg3-+ *(24...Nxf7 25.Bxf7 Ke7 26.Rxg7-+)*]

22...Qe7 4.16/22
[22...Qf6± 0.84/22 is tougher.]
23.Rg4? 0.01/21
[23.Rd7+- 4.16/22 Qe8 *(23...Qxd7? 24.Nxe5+-)* 24.Bxf7 *(24.Rxc7 b5+-)* 24...Nxf7 Remove Defender *(24...Qxd7? 25.Nxe5+-)* 25.Rxf7+ Kg8 26.Qc2 *(26.Rxc7 Bxf2 27.Rg4 Bb6+-; 26.Nxe5? Ne2-+)*]
23...Qf6 1.74/22
[23...b5!= 0.01/21 24.axb5 axb5 25.Bxb5 Qf6]
24.Rd7+- Nh3 25.Kg2 0.61/23
[White must play 25.Bxf7+- 1.78/23 Nxf2+ *(25...Rxg5? 26.Nxg5 Nxg5 27.Qxg5+-)* 26.Kg2 Nxf7 *(26...Rxg5? 27.Nxg5 Nxf7 28.Nh7+ Ke8 29.Nxf6++-)* 27.Rxf7+ Qxf7 28.Nxf7 *(28.Nxe5? Qa2-+)* 28...Nxg4 29.N7xe5 Ne3+ *(29...Nxe5 30.Nxe5 Kg8 31.Ng4+-)* 30.Kg3]
25...Nf4+±



26.Kf1 0.19/20 Dancing on a razor blade. White is much more active.
[26.Kg3!± 0.75/23 Threatens to win with Qc1-d2! b5 27.Bf1 *(27.Bxf7? Nxf7 28.Rxf7+ Qxf7-+; 27.axb5 axb5 28.Bf1 c6±)*]
26...Nh3= 27.Kg2 -0.01/22
[27.Bxf7? Rxg5-+]
[27.Qd2!± 0.38/25 Nxf2 28.Rg3 *(28.Bxf7 Rxg5* Remove Defender *29.Nxg5 Nxe4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *30.Kg2 Nxg5=)* 28...Rxg5 Remove Defender, Decoy 29.Nxg5 *(29.Qxg5 Nxe4 30.Qg4 Nxg3+ 31.hxg3 b5=)* 29...Nxe4+ 30.Kg2 Nxg5 31.Rxg5 *(31.Qxg5 Qc6+ 32.Kf1 Qxc4+=)*]
27...Nf4+! 28.Kh1 -0.01/19
[White should try 28.Kg3!± 0.70/23 b5 29.Bf1 *(29.Bxf7? Nxf7 30.Rxf7+ Qxf7-+; 29.axb5 axb5 30.Bf1 c6=)*]
28...Nh3! 29.Rg3 1.41/21
[29.Bxf7+- 1.88/24 Nxf2+ *(29...Rxg5? 30.Nxg5 Nxg5 31.Qxg5+-)* 30.Kg2 Nxf7 *(30...Rxg5? 31.Nxg5 Nxf7 32.Nh7+ Ke8 33.Nxf6++-)* 31.Rxf7+ Qxf7 32.Nxf7 *(32.Nxe5? Qa2-+)* 32...Nxg4 33.N7xe5 Ne3+ *(33...Nxe5? 34.Nxe5 Kg8 35.Ng4+-)* 34.Kg3]
29...Bxf2? 4.06/23
[29...Nxg5± 1.41/21 30.Nxg5 Qxf2]
30.Rxh3+-
[30.Bxf7 Nxf7 31.Rxf7+ *(31.Nxh3?* perishes. *Bxg3 32.Qf1 Bxh2-+)* 31...Qxf7 32.Nxf7 *(32.Nxh3?* loses. *Bxg3 33.Nfg5 Bf4-+)* 32...Bxg3±]
30...Rxh3 31.Kg2 1.62/22
[⌓31.Qd1 3.88/22]
31...Qh6? 6.10/24
[31...Ke8 1.62/22 32.Nxh3 Kxd7]
32.Qd2 White is clearly winning.
32...Bd4 33.cxd4 Qh5 34.dxe5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/ Black=0.59
1-0

C50

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2763**
■ **Lazavik,Denis** **2566**
CCT Final playoff rapid (6.1) 11.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Bg3 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.Nbd2

[9.a5 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 b5 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.0-0 a6 14.Nbd2 Nh5 15.Rfd1 g5 16.h3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.d4 Raf8 19.d5 Nd8 20.Nf1 h5 21.Ne3 g4 22.hxg4 hxg4 23.Nh2 Rxf2 Caruana,F (2794)-Carlsen,M (2830) CCT Finals KO 2023 (1.9) 1-0]

[9.h3 a5 10.0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3 Qd7 13.Nbd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 b6 15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Ncxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qe8 18.Nxf7 Qxf7 19.Qe2 h5 20.g3 c5 21.Kg2 Qg6 22.e5 Nd5 23.Qe4 Kh7 Santos Latasa,J (2659)-Anand,V (2749) XXXVII Magistral de León 2024 (2.3) 0-1]

9...Kh8 10.c3 Ng8N

[10...Nh7 11.0-0 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Re1 a6 14.b4 Bf6 15.Bd5 Bxd3 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Bxe4 Ng5 18.Nxg5 Bxg5 19.b5 Na5 20.Bc2 Qe8 21.Qd3 g6 22.Re4 axb5 23.Rae1 Qf7 24.h4 Bf6 25.axb5 4.e5 ♘g8 5. ♘f3 38158 (2623)-4. ♘c3 ♘d4 5. ♗d3 39215 (2498) cor 1980 (6) 1-0 b6 26.f4 Rae8 27.Rf1 Bg7 28.Ree1 Qf5 29.fxe5 Qxd3 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Bxd3 Bxe5 32.Bxe5+ dxe5 33.Rxe5 Kg7 34.Be4 Kf6 35.Rd5 Nc4 36.Rd7 Nd6 37.Bd3 Rf7 38.Rd8 Rg7 39.Kf2 Ke5 40.g3 Demchenko,A (2623)-Salinas Herrera, P (2498) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (6) 1-0 Kd5 41.g4 Kc5 42.Rh8 Nf7 43.Re8 Nd6 44.Re5# Demchenko,A (2623)-Ravi,T (2453) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Early blitz 2023 (8) 1-0]

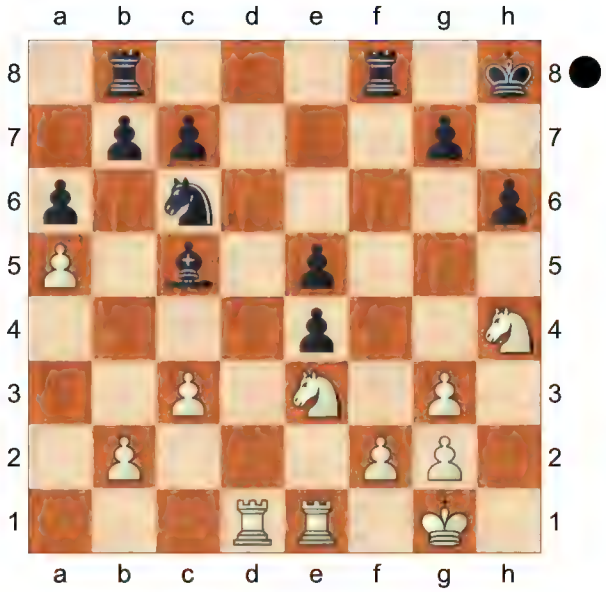
11.a5 a6 12.Qb3 f5 13.exf5 Bf6! 14.Be6 Nge7 15.Ne4 Nxf5 16.Bxc8 Qxc8 17.0-0 Be7 18.Rfe1 Rb8 19.Qa4 d5 20.Ned2 Nxg3 21.hxg3 Qf5 22.Nf1 Bc5 23.Ne3 -0.59/21

[23.Rad1= -0.01/21]

23...Qxd3∓ 24.Rad1 Qe4 25.Qxe4 -0.77/21

[25.b4!= 0.01/23 Ba7 26.Nxd5]

25...dxe4∓ 26.Nh4



Nh4-g6+ is the strong threat. **26...Rf7** 0.12/23

[Black should play 26...Kg8∓ -0.80/23 And now ...Bc5xe3! would win. 27.Nef5 Rbd8 *(27...Nxa5 28.b4+-)* 28.Rxd8 *(28.b4 Ba7∓)* 28...Rxd8]

27.Rd5 -0.27/23

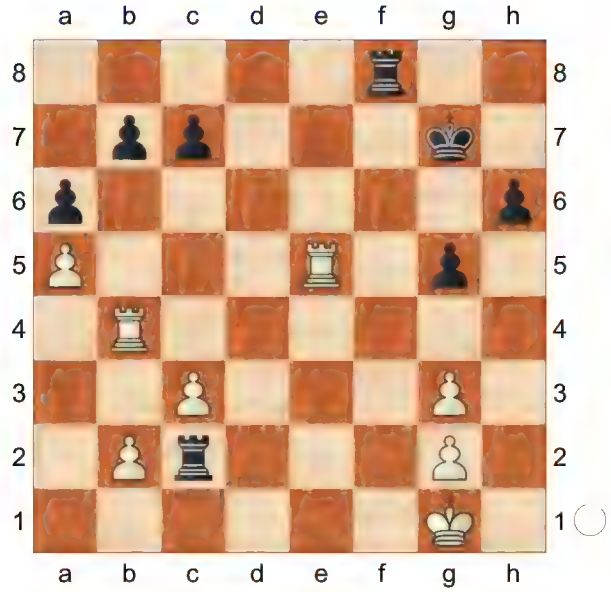
[27.g4! 0.12/23 deserves consideration.]

27...Ba7= 28.Nd1 g5 -0.04/22

[Black should try 28...Rf6∓ -0.63/22 29.Rxe4 Kg8]

29.Ng6+ Kg7 30.Nxe5 Nxe5 31.Rxe5

Rbf8 Strongly threatening ...Rf7xf2.
32.R1xe4 Bxf2+ 33.Nxf2 Rxf2
Endgame. KRR-KRR **34.Rb4 Rc2**



...Rf8-f2 would now be deadly. **35.Re7+ Kg6! 36.Re6+**
[36.Rxb7? too greedy. Rff2 37.Rexc7 Rxg2+ 38.Kf1 Kh5-+ *(38...Rxg3 39.Rc6+ Kh5 40.Rbb6=)*]
36...Rf6 0.78/25
[36...Kf7= -0.01/29 37.Re3 *(37.Rxh6 Kg7∓)* 37...Rd8]
37.Rxf6+± Kxf6 38.Rxb7 KR-KR
38...Kf5 39.Rb4 h5 40.Kh2 Ke5 41.Rc4 Rxb2 42.Rc5+ Kf6
The position is equal. **43.Rxc7**
Black must now prevent Rc7-a7.
43...Rc2 44.g4 hxg4 45.c4 Kf5 46.Rf7+ Kg6 47.Ra7 Rxc4 48.Rxa6+ Kf5 49.Ra8 Ra4 50.a6 Hoping for a6-a7. **50...Kf6 51.Kg3 Kg6 52.a7 Kg7** Wards off Ra8-g8+.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

		C50
□	**Anton Guijarro,David**	**2653**
■	**Svane,Frederik**	**2626**
FIDE Grand Swiss (8)		02.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.a4 0-0 7.h3! now scores much better than the old 7. c3. punktet besser als das ältere 7.c3.

[7.Be3 Bb6 8.Nbd2 h6 9.c3 Ng4 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.d4 Re8 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.h3 Ne7 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nf1 Ng6 17.Ng3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.c4 Nh7 20.Qd2 Rxa4 21.b3 Ra6 So,W (2753)-Firouzja,A (2777) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2.32) 1-0]

7...a5N

[7...Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Be3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 d5 11.Nbd2 Qd6 12.c3 h6 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Rf2 b6 15.Raf1 Rae8 16.Qc2 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.dxe4 a5 19.Qe2 Qc5 20.Qb5 Qxb5 21.axb5 Na7 22.c4 Demchenko,A (2629)-Pourramezanali,A (2522) Mersin 130/91 2016 1-0 Nc8 23.Nxe5 Rxf2 24.Rxf2 Kg8 25.Rd2 Nd6 26.Rd4 Kh7 27.h4 h5 28.Kf2 a4 29.Ke2 Kg8 30.Kd2 Rf8 31.Nf3 e5 32.Nxe5 Rf2+ 33.Kc3 Re2 34.Nd3 Rxe3 35.e5 Ne4+ 36.Kc2 Re2+ 37.Kc1 Demchenko,A (2645)-Santos Latasa,J (2677) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.8) 1-0 Rd2 38.e6 Kf8 39.Rd7 Ke8 40.Nf4 Rxd7 41.exd7+ Kxd7 42.Nxh5 g5 43.hxg5 Nxg5 44.Kc2 Kd6 45.Kc3 Ke5 46.Kb4 Ne6 47.Kxa4 Kf5 48.Kb4 Kg4 49.Nf6+ Kg3 50.Kc3 Kxg2 51.Kd3 Kf3 52.Nd5 4.e5 ♘g8 5.♘f3 38158 (2645)-Levchenko,M (2677) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (10.8) 1-0]

8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 Ne7N

[Vorgänger: 9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 d5 12.Nbd2 dxe4 0.76/23 *(12...Qd6=* 0.24/21) 13.Nxe4± Nxe4 14.dxe4 Qxd1 15.Raxd1 Rad8 16.Rxd8 Rxd8 Anton Guijarro,D (2690)-Aronian,L (2745) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (5) ½-½]

10.Nh4 c6 11.Bb3 d5 0.15/22

[⌓11...Be6 -0.27/19]

12.Nd2 Be6 13.Qe1 Ng6

[13...Nd7 keeps more tension. 14.Qg3 Qb6 15.Rae1 Rae8]

14.exd5 Bxd5 15.Nf5 e4 0.78/21

[15...Bxb3± 0.33/18 16.Nxb3 Kh8]

16.d4± Bxb3 17.Nxb3 Qd5 1.53/22

[Better is 17...b6± 0.62/20]

18.Qg3 b6 19.Nd2 1.11/21

[⌓19.Rf2 1.52/22]

19...Rae8 20.b3 0.64/23

[20.c3± 1.04/20]

20...Qd8± 21.c4 White has more active pieces. **21...Re6** 1.28/23

[21...h6± 0.58/22]

22.Nb1 0.48/22

[White should try 22.c5± 1.28/23]

22...Nh5 23.Qg4 Nf6 24.Qe2 Ne7 25.Nxe7+ Qxe7 26.Nc3 Nd7 27.Rf4 -0.01/20

[27.Rad1± 0.35/20 should be considered.]

27...f5= 28.Raf1 Ref6 29.g4 fxg4 30.hxg4 g5 31.Rxf6 -0.42/24

[31.Rxe4? is the wrong capture. Rxf1+ 32.Kg2 Qb4-+]

[31.Rf5= 0.01/26 feels stronger.]

31...Rxf6 0.01/22

[31...Nxf6∓ -0.42/24 deserves consideration. 32.Nd1 Rf7]

32.Qh2 -0.51/24

[32.Rf5= 0.01/22]

32...Qe6 0.01/25
[32...Rxf1+∓ -0.51/24 33.Kxf1 Nf6]
33.Qh5 The position is equal. **33...Rxf1+**
34.Kxf1 Endgame. KQN-KQN **34...h6**
35.Nd1 Kg7

White must now prevent ...Nd7-f6.
36.Nf2 Nf6 37.Qh2 Kg6 38.Qb8 Nxg4 39.Nxg4 Qxg4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½

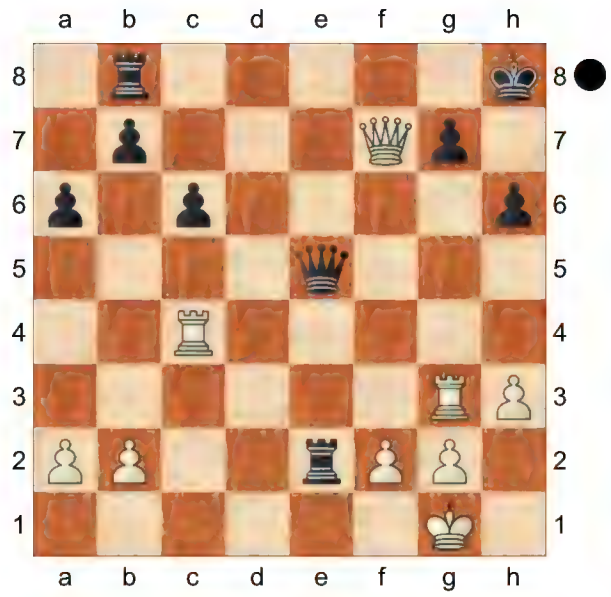
C50

□ **Bernadskiy,Vitaliy** **2530**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2720**
FIDE World Rapid Team (3.15) 02.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
In this game we revisit the gambit line 8...d6 (8...Nc6 here). This pawn offering has never been shown to be completely reliable, but Khalifman did succeed in reviving a key variation last year (see below). Here the young Peruvian Grandmaster Cristhian Cruz demonstrates a risk-free path to an advantage for White. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 d6 10.d4 exd4 11.cxd4 Ba7 12.h3 0-0 13.0-0 Be6N**
[13...Kh8 14.Rc1 f5 15.Nf4 fxe4 16.Ng6+ Kh7 17.Nxf8+ Qxf8 18.Ng5+ Kh8 19.Qh5 Ne7 20.Bb3 d5 21.Rxc7 Bb6 22.Qf7 Bf5 23.Rxe7 Crut,A (2367)-Hilverda,A (2329) Metz op 31th 2013 (9) 1-0]
[13...b5 14.Bb3 Na5 15.Bc2 c5 16.dxc5 dxc5 17.e5 Bb7 18.Qd3 g6 19.Nf6+ Kg7 20.Nh5+ Kh7 21.Nf6+ Kg7 22.Nh5+ Kh7 23.Qe2 Qe7 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.Nh4 Rfd8 26.Qg4 Qxe5 27.Nf5+ Kf8 28.Qh4 Lempiaeinen,L (2594)-Mouradian,K (2645) British Ch Blackpool 1988 (6) 1-0]
[13...Ne7 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.Re1 c6 16.a4 b5 17.axb5 cxb5 18.Bd5 Bb7 19.Qb3 Rfe8 20.Rec1 Rab8 21.Bc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Qxe4 23.Rxd6 Rbd8 24.Qa3 Rxd6 25.Qxd6 Re6 26.Qd7 Rg6 27.Kh1 Bb6 28.Re1 Aditya,M (2479)-Svane,F (2568) Elllobregat op 3rd 2022 (3) 1-0]
14.Rc1 Bd7 0.78/20
[14...Na5!= 0.25/21 remains equal. 15.Bd3 Nc6]
15.Re1± Re8 16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Bb3 0.70/20
[17.Nf4± 1.28/20]
17...Be6± 18.Re3 Ne7 0.87/22
[18...Nb8± 0.45/21 was preferrable.]
19.Nf4± Bxb3 20.Rxb3 Rb8 21.Nh2 White is much more active. **21...Ng6 22.Nxg6 fxg6 23.Qc2 d5 24.exd5 Qxd5 25.Nf3**
[25.Qxg6 looks sharper. Bxd4 26.Nf3 Re6 27.Qd3]
25...Bxd4 0.44/23
[25...Kh7= 0.01/24 is superior.]
26.Nxd4± Qxd4 27.Qxg6 Re2 1.11/23
[27...Re7± 0.35/22]
28.Rf3 0.01/22
[White should play 28.Rxc7± 1.11/23 Qxf2+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.Qg3 Qxg3+ 31.Rxg3]
28...c6= 29.Qf7+ Kh8 30.Rc4 -0.40/24
[White should try 30.Qc7= 0.22/23 Qe5 31.Qxe5 Rxe5 32.Rb3]
30...Qe5 0.01/23
[30...Qxb2∓ -0.40/24 should be considered. 31.Kh2 Rg8 *(31...Qxa2 32.Rg3∓)*]
31.Rg3

(Diagram)

Rc4-g4 is the strong threat. **31...Re8?** 2.21/24 A mistake that costs the game.
[31...Qxb2= -0.01/25 and Black has nothing to worry. 32.Rcg4 Rg8]
32.Rcg4+-
[Not 32.Qxb7 Qxb2 33.Qxb2 *(33.Qxa6 Re1+* Deflection *34.Kh2 Qxf2)* 33...Rxb2±]
32...Re7? 7.35/24



[32...Qe7 2.05/24 33.Qxg7+
(33.Rxg7 Qxf7 34.Rxf7 Rxb2±)
33...Qxg7 34.Rxg7 Rxb2]

33.Qf8+ White is clearly winning.

33...Kh7 34.Rg6 Threatening mate with Rg6xh6+! **34...Re1+ 35.Kh2**

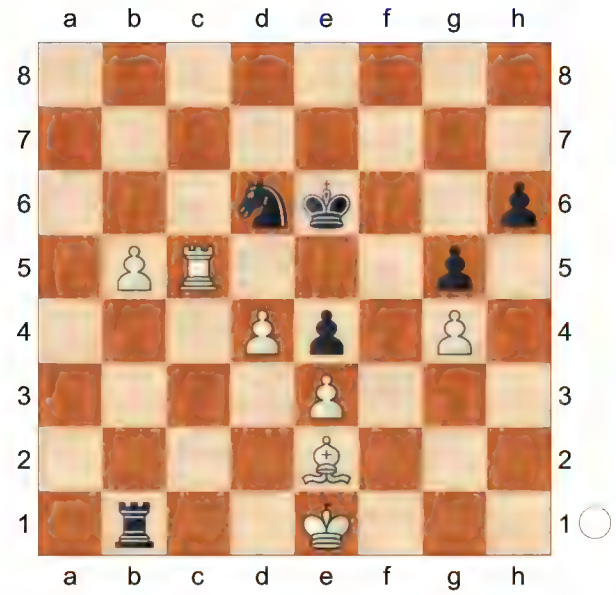
Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.34

1-0

C50
□ **Santos Latasa,Jaime** 2615
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** 2627
Chessable Masters Play In rapid (1)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Be3 Bxe3 6.fxe3 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.a4N 8.Qe1 is a critical line. A promising side line.8.De1 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
[8.Qe1 Be6 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.a3 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 a5 12.a4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Qg3 f6 15.Rae1 Ndb4 16.Na3 e4 17.dxe4 Qxe4 18.Qxc7 Nxc2 19.Nxc2 Qxc2 20.Nd4 Nxd4 4.♘c3 ♘d4 39213 (2608)-Tsiganova, M (2538) 2016 (8) 0-1]
[8.Nc3 Ne7 9.Qe1 c6 10.Qg3 b5 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.Ng5 a5 13.a3 Ra7 14.h4 Ba6 15.Rf2 c5 16.Rd1 c4 17.Ba2 h6 18.Nf3 Qb6 19.Nd2 b4 20.Nxc4 Bxc4 21.Na4 Qc6 22.Bxc4 Qxa4 Gunsberg,I-Showalter,J 6th American Congress 1889 (2.29) 1-0]
8...Ne7 The position is equal. **9.Nc3 Ng6 10.Qe1 c6 11.a5 d5 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bb3 h6N** 0.47/20
[Vorgänger: 13...Be6 14.d4 e4 15.Ne5! Ne7 16.a6 b6 17.h3 -0.56/21 *(17.Nb5± 0.35/21)* 17...Ne8!∓ 18.Qe2 -1.14/20 *(18.Ba4!= 0.01/21* keeps the balance. *)* 18...Nd6 19.Rf4 Ndf5 -0.47/20 Kanov,N (2377)-Kollars,D (2610) Sitges Sunway op 9th 2022 (9) 0-1 *(19...f6∓ -1.07/21 20.Raf1 Qc8)*]
[13...Be6= 0.01/21 feels stronger.]
14.Nh4 Nxh4 15.Qxh4 Be6 16.d4 e4 0.74/22
[16...exd4= 0.10/20 remains equal. 17.exd4 a6]
17.h3 0.18/21 White has more active pieces.
[Better is 17.Rxf6± 0.74/22 Qxf6 18.Qxf6 gxf6 19.Bxd5 *(19.Nxd5 Kg7=)*]
17...a6 1.10/22
[17...Rc8= 0.18/21]
18.Ne2 0.39/21
[18.Rxf6± 1.10/22 Qxf6 19.Qxf6 gxf6 20.Nxd5 *(20.Bxd5 f5±)*]
18...Ne8 19.Qxd8 Rxd8 20.Nf4 Nc7 21.Rfc1 g5 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Ra4 Rc8 2.21/24
[23...Rd6± 0.84/22 might work better.]
24.c4+- Nb5 25.Rc2? 0.51/25
[25.Rb4!+- 2.13/23]
25...Nd6± 26.cxd5 Rxc2 27.Bxc2 exd5± 0.86/26 Endgame. KRB-KRN
[27...Rc8!± 0.40/26 28.Bb3 Rc1+ 29.Kh2 Rb1]
28.Bb3 Rf5 2.12/25
[28...Kf7± 1.01/24]
29.g4+- Deflection **29...Rf3 30.Bxd5+ Kf8 31.Ra3** Threatens to win with Kg1-g2. **31...Rxh3** 0.88/25
[⌓31...h5 1.39/26]
32.Kg2 0.29/26
[32.Rb3± 0.88/25]
32...Rh4= 33.Kg3! Rh1 34.Rb3 Ra1 35.Rb6!
[Don't play 35.Bxb7 Rxa5 36.Bc6 Ra2=]
35...Ke7 36.Bxb7 Rxa5 37.Bxa6
[37.Rxa6? is the wrong capture. Nxb7 38.Rxh6 Nd6 39.Rh7+ Nf7-+]
37...Ra1 38.Be2 Re1 39.Kf2 Rc1 40.b4 Rc2 41.Ke1 Rb2 42.b5 0.66/27
[42.Rb8± 1.03/27]
42...Rb3 43.Kf2 Rb2 44.Ra6 0.51/25
[44.Rb8!± 1.22/26]

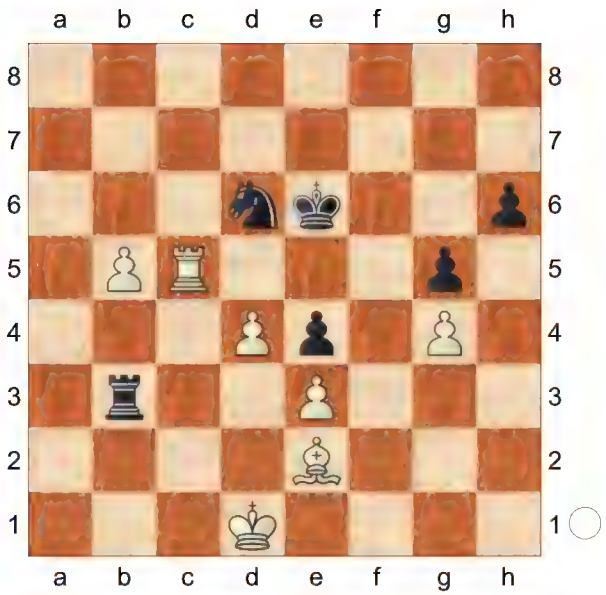
44...Ke6 1.18/26
[44...Ne8± 0.51/25]
45.Rc6 0.31/28
[45.Ra8!± 1.18/26]
45...Kd7± 46.Rc5 0.07/26
[46.d5± 0.44/27]
46...Ke6 0.61/26
[46...Rb1= 0.07/26]
47.Ke1 Rb1+



48.Kd2! Rb2+ 49.Kd1 0.42/27
[49.Rc2± 1.15/29 Rb1 50.Bd1]
49...Rb3 1.42/25
[Black should try 49...Kd7± 0.42/27]

(Diagram)

50.Re5+ 0.01/27
[White should play 50.Kc2!± 1.42/25 Rxe3 51.Bc4+ Nxc4 52.Rxc4 Re2+ *(52...Kd5? 53.Rb4+-)* 53.Kc3]
50...Kd7 51.Kd2 Rb2+ 52.Ke1 Rb3 53.Kf2 Rb2 54.Rc5 Rb1 55.Rc6 Nxb5 0.39/27
[55...Rb2= -0.01/28]
56.Rxh6 0.01/25
[56.Bxb5± 0.39/27 Rxb5 57.Rxh6]
56...Nc3= ...Rb1-b2 is the strong threat.



57.Bc4 Rb2+ 58.Ke1 Ke7? 3.01/26
[58...Kc7!± 0.62/24]
59.Rg6+- Rg2 60.Rxg5 Kf6 61.Rf5+ Kg6 62.Rf4 Black must now prevent d4-d5. **62...Kg5** 5.37/24
[⌓62...Rg3 3.39/25 63.Kf2 Rh3]
63.d5 White is clearly winning. **63...Na4 64.d6** d6-d7 would kill now. **64...Nb6 65.Be6 Rc2 66.Rxe4 Rc6 67.d7 Rd6 68.Rd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.31
1-0

		C50
□	**Svane,Frederik**	**2626**
■	**Ragger,Markus**	**2615**
Bundesliga 2324 (8.7)		04.02.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.0-0 is cutting edge theory.ist die Avantgarde der Theorie. **7...h6 8.Be3** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.Nd5**

[10.h3 Qd6 11.Nd2 b6 12.Nd5 Rb8 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qf3 Qxf3 15.Nxf3 Re8 16.c3 Na5 17.Bd5 Be6 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.b4 cxb4 20.cxb4 Nc6 21.b5 Nb4 22.Rfc1 Rb7 23.Ra3 f6 24.Kf1 a5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/6...f5 (2702)-Sybil (2710) 2009 (1.3) 1-0]

10...Qd6 11.Ne3 b6N

[Vorgänger: 11...g6 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Nc4 Prevents f7-f6 Qxd5 15.Ncxe5 b6 *(15...f6!? 16.Nc4□ Nc6=)* 16.Qd2 Nf5 17.Rfe1 *(17.Ng4!? Kg7 18.Rae1=)* 17...Kg7 Garcia Martin,M (2319)-Garrido Outon, A (2408) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2023 (2.1) ½-½ 18.Ng4 Qd6 19.Ne3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nc4 Qf6 22.Qb4 Bb7 23.Qe7 Qc6 24.Qe5+ f6 25.Qg3 Rae8 26.f3 Qc5 27.b4 Qc6 28.Qf4 Qd7 29.a5 b5 30.Nd2 g5 31.Qg3 Re3 32.Nb3 Rfe8 Gorgs,A (2319)-Gottwald,B (2408) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (2.1) ½-½ 33.Nc5 Qe7 34.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 35.Kh1 f5 36.f4 Qxg3 37.hxg3 Bd5 38.Nxa6 Re2 39.Nxc7 Bc6 40.Rg1 Kf7 41.Na6 Rxc2 42.Nc5 Bd5 43.fxg5 hxg5 44.g4 f4 45.Ne4 Bxe4 46.dxe4 Ke6 47.Ra1 d3 Garcia Martin,M (2319)-Garrido Outon, A (2408) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor 2023 (2.1) ½-½]

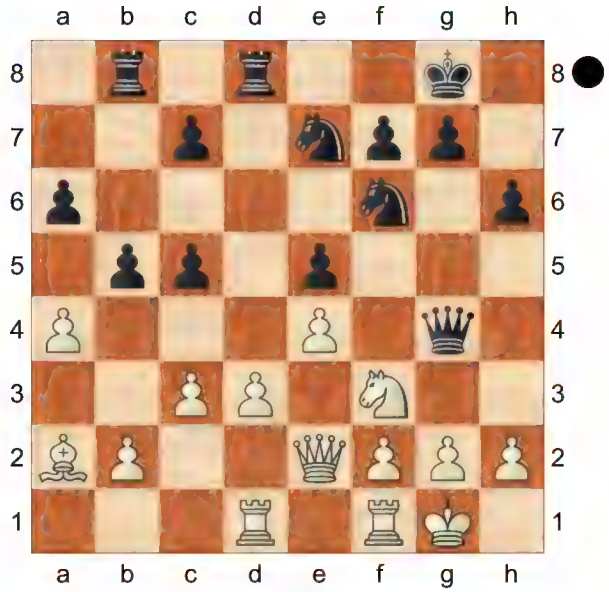
12.Nh4 Ne7 13.Ba2 Ne3-c4 would now be deadly. **13...Be6 14.Nc4 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 Qd7 16.Qe2 b5 17.Ba2 Rab8 18.c3 Rfd8 19.Rad1**

[19.axb5 simplifies axb5 20.Bb1 g5 21.Nf3]

19...Qg4 0.33/23

[Black should play 19...g5= -0.25/21 20.Nf3 Ng6]

20.Nf3



Threatens to win with Ba2xf7+! **20...Ng6 21.Qe3 Nd7** 0.39/19

[21...c4= -0.01/21 feels stronger. 22.h3 Qe6]

22.h3± Qf4 23.axb5 axb5 24.Qe2 Qf6 25.g3 Inhibits Ng6-f4. **25...Ra8 26.Bd5 c6 27.Bb3 Nb6 28.Nh2 Qe7 29.Ng4 Rab8** 0.82/20

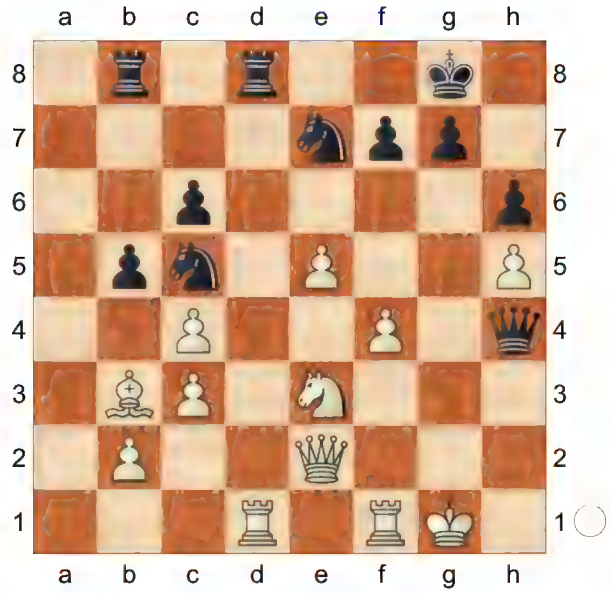
[29...Nc8= 0.29/20]

30.Ne3± Qf6 31.h4 Nd7 32.h5 Ne7 1.17/22

[32...Ngf8± 0.69/22 deserves consideration.]

33.f4 White is more active. **33...c4** 1.82/22 **34.dxc4+-** Black must now

prevent Ne3-g4. **34...exf4 35.gxf4**
[35.Rxf4?! Qe6±]
35...Nc5 2.30/23
[35...Qe6± 1.58/21]
36.e5 Qh4



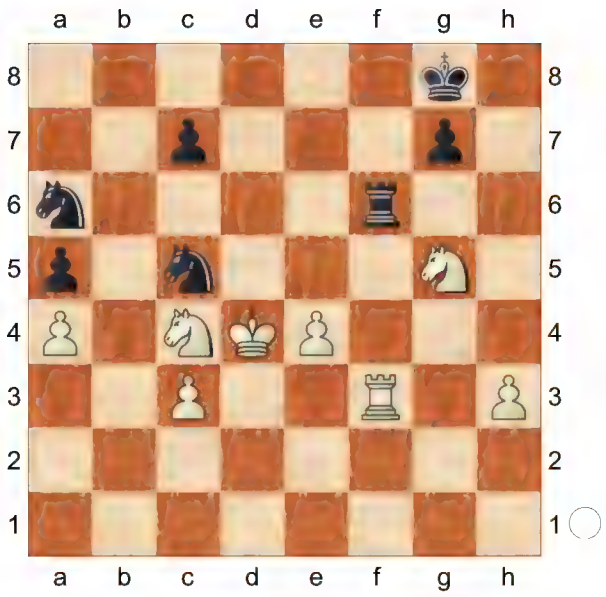
37.Qf3! f5
[37...Nxb3? 38.Ng2+-]
38.Ba2
[38.cxb5+? Nxb3 39.bxc6 Nd2-+]
38...Rxd1 39.cxb5+ Discovered Attack (Check)
[39.Nxd1 Ra8 40.Bb1 Nb3∓]
[39.Qxd1 bxc4 40.Bxc4+ Kh7±]
39...Rd5 40.bxc6
[40.Bxd5+? is the wrong capture. cxd5 41.Ng2 Qg4 42.Qxg4 fxg4-+]
40...Rxb2 41.Bxd5+ Nxd5 2.76/25 Loses the game.
[41...Kh8± 1.26/26 was called for. 42.Ng2 Rxg2+ 43.Qxg2 Nxd5]
42.Qxd5+ Kh7 43.Ng2
[43.Qxc5? Qh2#]
43...Qe7 7.15/22
[43...Qg4 3.32/24 44.Qf3 Qxf3 45.Rxf3 Rb1+ 46.Kh2 Rb6]
44.Qd6 Qa7 ...Nc5-e4+ is the strong threat. **45.Kh2 Ne4 46.Qd7 Rxg2+ 47.Kxg2** Endgame. KQR-KQN
47...Qa2+ 48.Kg1 Ng3 49.Rf2 Qb1+ 50.Kg2 c6-c7 would kill now. **50...Nxh5 51.c7 Qe4+ 52.Kh2 Nxf4 53.Qd4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.26 (precise)
1-0

C50
□ **Pichot,Alan** **2650**
■ **Tari,Aryan** **2619**
FIDE Grand Swiss (11) 05.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

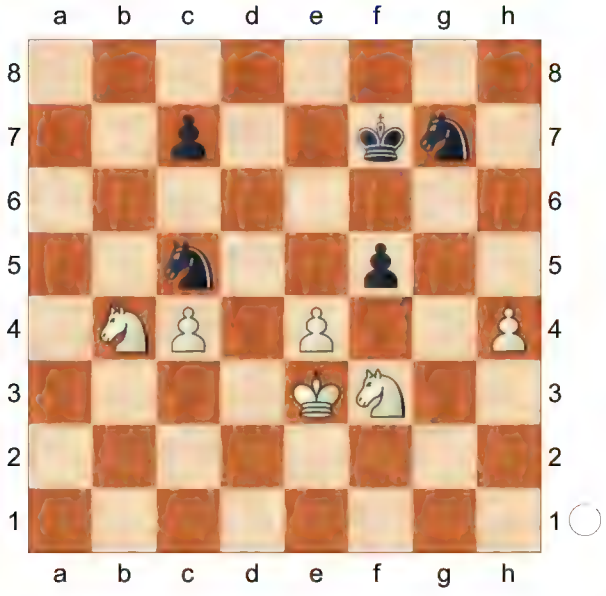
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 d6 6.a4 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Be3!? now scores much better than the old 8.c3. An interesting side line. Exploring less charted territory. punktet besser als das ältere 8.c3. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **8...Bxe3** The position is equal. **9.fxe3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nbd2 d5 12.c3 Qd6 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Rf2**
[14.Qxb7? Rfb8 15.Qa6 Rb6-+ *(15...Rxb2 16.Rab1=)*]
14...b6 15.Raf1 Rae8 16.g4N
[Vorgänger: 16.Qc2 dxe4 0.64/21 *(16...a5=* 0.17/19 *)* 17.Nxe4± Nxe4 18.dxe4 a5 1.29/24 *(* Better is *18...Kg8±* 0.57/22 *)* 19.Qe2 Qc5 20.Qb5 Qxb5 21.axb5 Na7 22.c4 Demchenko,A (2645)-Santos Latasa,J (2677) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.8) 1-0 Nc8 23.Nxe5 Rxf2 24.Rxf2 Kg8 25.Rd2 Nd6 26.Rd4 Kh7 27.h4 h5 28.Kf2 a4 29.Ke2 Kg8 30.Kd2 Rf8 31.Nf3 e5 32.Nxe5 Rf2+ 33.Kc3 Re2 34.Nd3 Rxe3 35.e5 Ne4+ 36.Kc2 Re2+ 37.Kc1 Demchenko,A (2629)-Pourramezanali,A (2522) Mersin 130/91 2016 1-0 Rd2 38.e6 Kf8 39.Rd7 Ke8 40.Nf4 Rxd7 41.exd7+ Kxd7 42.Nxh5 g5 43.hxg5 Nxg5 44.Kc2 Kd6 45.Kc3 Ke5 46.Kb4 Ne6 47.Kxa4 Kf5 48.Kb4 Kg4 49.Nf6+ Kg3 50.Kc3 Kxg2 51.Kd3 Kf3 52.Nd5 Demchenko,A (2645)-Santos Latasa,J (2677) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (10.8) 1-0]
16...dxe4 0.87/23
[16...Nh7= 0.27/20 keeps the balance.]
17.dxe4± a6 18.Qc4 Dodges Qd6-d3
18...Nb8 1.53/24
[⌓18...b5 0.99/20 19.axb5 axb5]
19.g5 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Kg8 21.Ndf3 Qc6 22.Qe2 0.61/24
[22.Qxc6± 1.52/21 Nxc6 23.b4]
22...Nxe4± 23.Nxe5 Rxf2 2.02/26
[23...Qc5!± 0.64/27 24.Rxf8+ *(24.Nxe4 Qxe5 25.Rf4 a5=)* 24...Rxf8 25.Rxf8+ *(25.Nxe4 Qxe5 26.Qd3 Nc6=)* 25...Qxf8 26.Nxe4 Qf5]
24.Rxf2+- Ng3 Dodges Qe2-h5 **25.Qf3 Qxf3 26.Rxf3**
[26.Ngxf3 Ne4 27.Rg2 Nc5=]
26...Nf5 27.e4 Nd6 28.b4 White is more active. **28...Rf8** 2.16/24
[28...a5± 1.17/23]
29.Kf2
[29.Nxe6? Re8 30.Nxc7 Rxe5-+]
29...Rf6 30.Ke3 a5 31.bxa5 bxa5 32.Kd4 Na6 33.Nc6 Strongly threatening e4-e5. **33...e5+ 34.Nxe5** Threatens to win with Ne5-d7.
[34.Kxe5? Nc4+ 35.Kd4 Rxc6-+]
34...Nb7 35.Nc4 aiming for Rf3-f5. **35...Nbc5**

(Diagram)

36.Rxf6 0.72/25
[Much worse is 36.Nxa5?! Ne6+ 37.Nxe6 *(37.Kd5 c6+ 38.Kc4 Nxg5±)* 37...Rxf3=]
[⌓36.Rf5! 1.54/23 Nb3+ 37.Kd3 Nbc5+ 38.Ke3]
36...gxf6± Endgame. KNN-KNN **37.Nf3 Nxa4 38.Nxa5 N6c5 39.c4 Ne6+**



40.Ke3
[But not 40.Kd5 Kf7=]
40...Nac5 1.00/24
[40...Kg7± 0.63/21]
41.Nc6 Kf7 42.h4 Ng7 43.Nb4 f5 2.31/26
[43...Nd7± 0.81/24 was called for.]



44.e5!+- And now Nb4-d5 would win.
44...Nce6? 3.90/27
[44...Kg6 2.26/24 keeps fighting. 45.Nd5 Kh5 46.Nxc7 Kg4]
45.Nd5 c5? 7.33/26
[45...Kg6 3.52/24 46.Nd4 Kf7]
46.Nf4 Nf4xe6 is the strong threat. White is clearly winning. **46...Nxf4 47.Ng5+ Kg6 48.Kxf4 Nh5+ 49.Kf3 Ng7 50.Nh3 f4 51.Kg4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.23 (precise)
1-0

C50

□ **Kozak,Adam** 2607
■ **Safarli,Eltaj** 2614
Bucharest Grand Prix op rapid (6)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.a4 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.a5 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.h3
The position is equal. **8...a6 9.c3 Be6N**
[9...Ba7 10.Be3 Bd7 *(10...d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Bxa7 Rxa7 13.Re1 Nf4 14.Nxe5 Qg5 15.Ng4 Nxa5 16.Ba2 h5 17.Ne3 Bxh3 18.Qf3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nf1 Nb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.d4 Ncd3 23.Re4 Nxf2 24.Re5 Qg6 25.Qg3* Alekseenko,K (2686)-Lazavik,D (2544) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (2) 0-1*)* 11.Nbd2 Ne7 12.Re1 Ng6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.exd5 Bb5 16.Bb3 Nxd5 17.Nc4 Qf6 18.Nce5 Rad8 19.Ng4 Qd6 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Bxd5 Nf4 22.Re5 Kh8 23.Qd2 Nxd5 24.Rxd5 Nevednichy,V (2548)-Georgiev,K (2623) 138/140 Thessaloniki 2018 1-0 Qg6 25.Nfe5 Qg7 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Nxf7+ Chapter C50-Games Chapter C50 Game 2]
10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.b4 Ba7 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 b6 14.axb6 cxb6 15.Nbd2 b5 16.d4 a5 17.Qb3 Re8 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Rxa5 Qxa5 20.Rb1 Kh7 21.Kh2 d5 22.Qxb5 Qxc3 23.Rb3 Qc1 1.66/25
[23...Qc2= 0.01/26 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)

24.Qd3+-
[24.dxe5 Nxe4 25.Rb1 Qc2=]
24...Kh8? 5.82/24
[24...Qd1 1.87/22 is tougher.]
25.Rb1
[Not 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Nd7=]
[25.dxe5 Nd7±]
25...dxe4 26.Nxe4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.49
1-0

C50
□ **Dubov,Daniil** 2707
■ **Hong,Andrew Z** 2550
Chess.com Classic Play In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nf3N

[5.f4 d6 6.f5 Nd4 *(6...Na5 7.Bg5 c6 8.Qf3 b5 9.Bb3 b4 10.Na4 Nxb3 11.axb3 Bxg1 12.Rxg1 Rb8 13.g4 Qe7 14.Qf2 c5 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Qxc5 a6 18.Qc7 Qh4+ 19.Rg3 0-0 20.Qxb8 Qxh2 21.Qxe5* Genzling,A (2390)-Nezar,M (2400) Luxembourg-chT 1415 2014 (4) 0-1*; 6...Ne7 7.Bg5 c6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Qh5 d5 10.Bb3 a5 11.a4 Qb6 12.Nf3 Bb4 13.Kf1 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qc5 15.Qh6 Qd6 16.g4 b6 17.g5 dxe4 18.dxe4 Ba6+ 19.Kg2 Be2 20.Rhe1 Bxf3+ 21.Kxf3* Fioramonti,H-Spielberger,M Pan American Intercollegiate-chT 2017 1-0 *)* 7.Bg5 c6 8.a3 b5 9.Ba2 Qb6 10.Nf3 a5 11.Rf1 a4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qh5 Rf8 15.Nd1 b4 16.Rc1 bxa3 17.bxa3 Qc5 18.c3 Qxa3 19.Rc2 Bb6 Spielmann-Johner 1908 1-0]

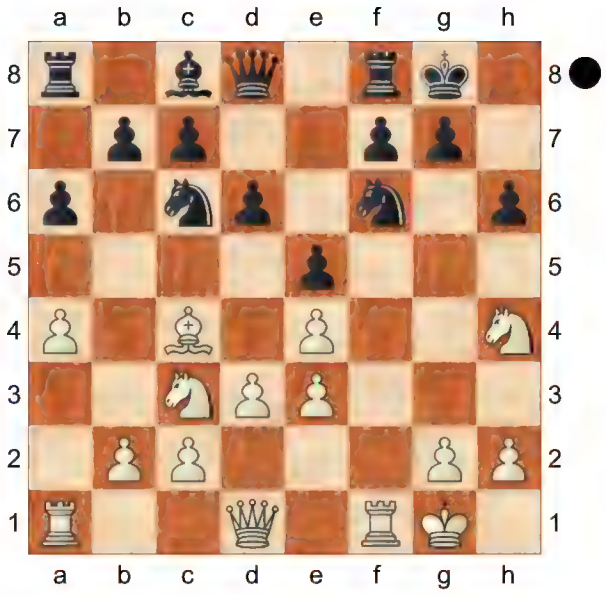
5...h6 6.Be3 Bxe3 7.fxe3 d6 8.a4 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Nh4

[10.Nd5 simplifies Nxd5 11.Bxd5 a5 12.d4]

(Diagram)

White has an edge. **10...Nxe4** 0.54/23
11.Qh5 -0.40/23

[11.Ng6± 0.54/23 Nxc3 12.Qf3



(12.bxc3? loses. d5-+)]

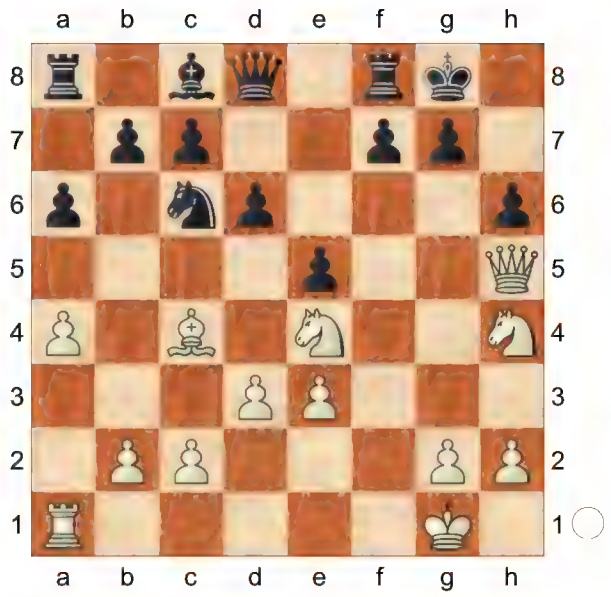
11...Nf6? 1.57/23

[11...Ng5∓ -0.40/23]

12.Rxf6!± Qxf6 13.Ne4! Qd8

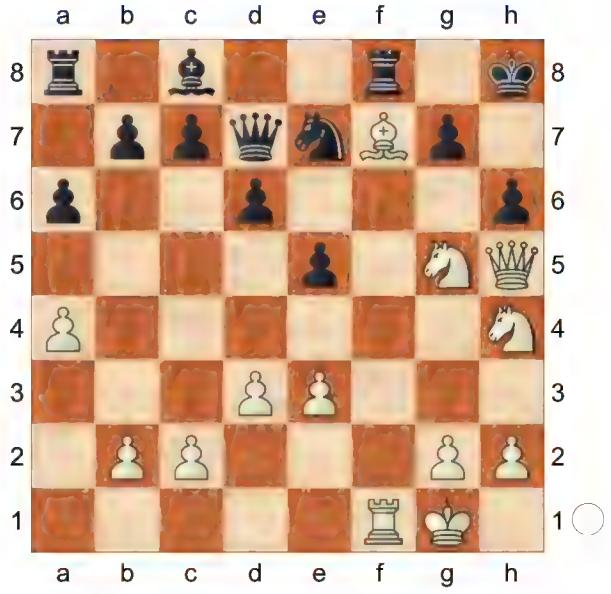
(Diagram)

...d6-d5 is the strong threat. **14.Rf1!→** White has strong attack. White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **14...Ne7?** 12.03/27 A mistake that costs the game.



[14...d5± 0.99/23 15.Nf6+ gxf6]

15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16.Ng5 White wants to mate with Qh5-g6! **16...Qd7**



17.Qg6!! 4.96/5 **Qf5+- 18.Rxf5** White mates.

[18.Qxf5 Bxf5 19.Nxf5 Nxf5 20.Rxf5 hxg5∓]

18...Bxf5 19.Qxf5 hxg5 20.Qh3 g4 21.Ng6#

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.94

1-0

C50

□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2658**
■ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2616**
Qatar Masters op (8) 19.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 a6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 d6 10.a4 Be6 11.Nd2 Na5

[11...Bxc4 12.Nxc4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.e4 Nf4 15.Kh2 Ng6 16.a5 Qd7 17.Nd5 Nce7 18.Nde3 f6 19.g3 Rad8 20.h4 Nh8 21.Rf2 Nf7 22.Qh5 Nd6 23.Raf1 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 Qe8 25.Qg4 Nc6 26.Rxf6 Brodsky,M (2707)-Persse,D (2728) Reykjavik op 1996 (1.1) 1-0]

12.Ba2 Nc6N

[12...Bxa2 13.Rxa2 Nc6 14.Ra1 d5 15.Qf3 d4 16.Ne2 dxe3 17.Qxe3 16) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - P-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Pract]

13.Bc4 Na5 13...Na5 is a critical line. 13...Sa5 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.

14.Ba2N

[Vorgänger: 14.Bxe6 fxe6
A) 15.b4!? Nc6□ 16.Qb1= *(16.b5 Nb8 17.Ne2 Nbd7 18.c4 c6 19.bxc6 bxc6 20.a5 Qc7 21.Qc2 Qa7 22.d4 exd4 23.exd4 e5 24.Qc3 exd4 25.Nxd4 Nc5 26.Rae1 Rae8 27.Nxc6 Ncxe4+ 28.Nxa7 Nxc3 29.Nc6 Na4 30.Ne7+ Kh7* Saydaliev,S (2422)-Goganov,A (2526) Tashkent Schev Team 2023 (8.1) ½-½ *)*;
B) 15.d4 Nc6 16.Nf3 exd4 17.exd4 d5 18.Qd3 Nh5 19.Ne2 Nf4 0.55/22 *(19...dxe4=* 0.12/20 *20.Qxe4 Qd6)* 20.Nxf4 Rxf4 21.e5 0.01/23 Sindarov,J (2629)-Borisek,J (2577) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (3.3) 1-0 *(21.Rae1±* 0.45/21 *)*]

14...Nc6 15.Rf2 Bxa2 16.Nxa2 d5 17.Qf3 d4 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Qd1 b5 20.Nc3 Qd6 21.Ne2 Rad8 22.Nf1 Qc5 23.Neg3! Kh7 24.Qd2 Ng8 25.Ne3 Ne7 26.Kh2

[26.Ng4 keeps more tension. f6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra6]

26...f6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rff1 Ra8 0.53/21

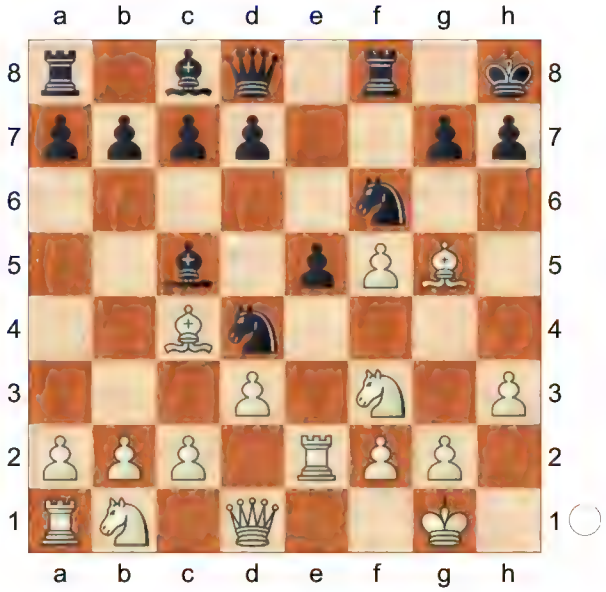
[Better is 28...Qb6= 0.01/21]

29.Rxa8!± Rxa8 30.c3 Ne6

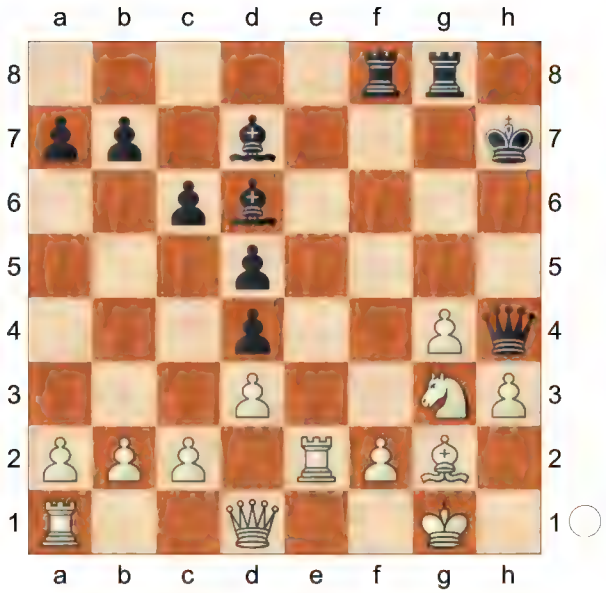
Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

C50
□ **Kadric,Denis** **2584**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **2708**
EU-chT 24th Budva (1.2) 11.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Re1 Ng4! is recently more successful than 6...d6. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 6...d6. **7.Re2 Kh8 8.h3** White is slightly better. **8...f5 9.Bg5!**
[9.hxg4 fxg4 10.Ng5 Qf6∓]
9...Nf6! 10.exf5N Black must now prevent Nb1-c3!
[10.Nc3 d6 11.exf5 *(11.Nd5 fxe4 12.dxe4 Be6 13.Nxf6 gxf6 14.Bxe6 fxg5 15.c3 Qf6 16.Bg4 Ne7 17.Qd2 Rg8 18.b4 Bb6 19.a4 a5 20.Qa2 Qg6 21.Qe6 Qg7 22.bxa5 Bxa5 23.Rb1 Ra7 24.Qc4 Qg6 25.Rb5 c6* Carlsen,M (2832)-Aronian,L (2793) GCT Rapid YourNextMove 2017 (1.1) 1-0 *)* 11...Bxf5 12.Na4 Bb6 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.d4 h6 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Bh4 e4 17.Nh2 Qe7 *(17...Qe8 18.Qe1 Qg6 19.Re3 Nd4 20.Rc1 Ra4 21.Bb3 Nf3+ 22.Nxf3 exf3 23.Bg3 Re4 24.gxf3 Rh4* So,W (2773)-Mamedyarov,S (2759) Zagreb (rapid) 154/(108) 2022*)* 18.Nf1 Bg6 19.Rd2 Qb4 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Bb3 Dominguez Perez,L (2754)-Aronian,L (2775) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 154/(108) 2022]
10...Nd4N 1.63/21
[Vorgänger: 10...d6 11.c3 -0.26/19 *(11.g4± 0.45/19)* 11...Bb6 1.24/20 *(11...h6= -0.26/19 12.d4 Bb6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6)* 12.d4 -0.15/21 *(12.Nh4± 1.24/20)* 12...exd4 1.05/21 *(12...Bxf5= -0.15/21 13.dxe5 dxe5)* 13.cxd4 0.39/22 *(*Better is *13.Be6±* 1.05/21 *)* 13...Bxf5 14.Nc3 Nc3-d5 would now be deadly. h6 15.Be3 Ne7 16.d5 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Vachier Lagrave,M (2763)-Nakamura, H (2736) Meltwater Tour Final rapid 2021 (7.5) 1-0]
[10...d5= 0.20/22 11.Bb5 Bxf5]

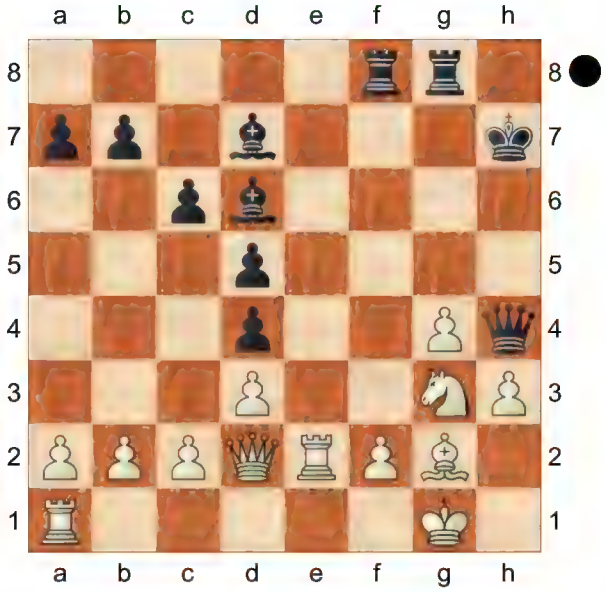


11.Nxd4!+-
[11.Rxe5 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Bd4=]
11...exd4 12.Bd5 1.06/22
[White should try 12.g4+- 1.71/20]
12...c6± 13.Bf3 White is more active. **13...d5 14.g4 g6** 1.64/21
[14...Rg8± 1.21/21 keeps fighting.]
15.fxg6+- Rg8 16.Bxf6+ 0.42/22
[16.Qe1± 1.60/20]
16...Qxf6± 17.gxh7 Kxh7 aiming for ... Qf6-h4! **18.Nd2 Bd6** 1.44/22
[18...Qh4!± 0.69/21 19.Bg2 Bxg4 20.hxg4 Rxg4]
19.Bg2± Bd7 20.Nf1 Raf8 21.Ng3 1.29/20
[21.Qd2+- 1.67/21]
21...Qh4
(Diagram)



22.Qd2 -0.01/22

[White should play 22.Qe1!± 1.45/22]



22...Bxg4!= The position is equal. **23.hxg4 Rxg4 24.Rae1** And now Re2-e8 would win. **24...Rxg3! 25.fxg3 Bxg3 26.Bxd5 cxd5 27.Rh2! Bxh2+ 28.Qxh2 Qxh2+ 29.Kxh2 Rf2+ 30.Kg3 Rxc2 31.Re7+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

½-½

		C50
□	**Huschenbeth,Niclas**	**2609**
■	**Sadhwani,Raunak**	**2650**
AUT-chT 2324 (1.1)		22.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

During the event, in public interviews, Magnus complained both of a lack of motivation, and later food poisoning, leading to him forcing a draw with the white pieces in the 2. classical game of this match, but for the deciding playoff both the joy and energy-level seemed to be there: Während des Turniers klagte Magnus in öffentlichen Interviews über mangelnde Motivation und später über eine Lebensmittelvergiftung, die dazu führte, dass er in der 2. klassischen Partie dieses Matches mit den weißen Figuren ein Remis erzwang, aber im entscheidenden Playoff schienen sowohl die Freude als auch die Energie vorhanden zu sein: **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a4 d6 6.0-0 a5** **7.Be3!** now scores much better than the old 7.c3 .punktet besser als das ältere 7.c3. **7...Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Be6N**

[9...Qe7 10.h3 Be6 11.Qe2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 Nb8 13.Qe1 b6 14.Qh4 Nbd7 15.g4 Nc5 16.b3 Rae8 17.Rf2 Nfd7 18.Qxe7 Rxe7 19.Raf1 g6 20.Nfd2 Nb8 21.Nb1 Nc6 22.Nc3 Nb4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.exd5 Topp (2699)-Moiseenko,A (2673) USSR Ch., (Game 48) 2004 (3) 1-0 Kg7 25.e4 Rh8 26.h4 h5 27.g5 Rf8 28.Na3 Ree8 29.Nb5 Rc8 30.Na7 Ra8 31.Nb5 Rac8 32.Rf6 Nd7 33.R1f3 Nxf6 34.Rxf6 Rfd8 35.Kf1 Kf8 36.Ke1 Ke7 37.Na7 c5 38.Nxc8+ Rxc8 39.Kd2 Sjugirov,S (2699)-Matlakov,M (2673) Budapest Hetenyi Memorial 2023 (3) 1-0]

[9...Ne7 10.Nh4 c6 11.Qe1 d5 12.Bb3 Qd6 13.Qg3 Nh5 14.Qg5 g6 15.Nf5 Bxf5 16.exf5 Kg7 17.Kh1 Qf6 18.Qxf6+ Nxf6 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.e4 dxe4 21.dxe4 Rad8 22.Rf2 Rd4 23.Raf1 Neg8 24.c3 Praggnanandhaa,R (2690)-Carlsen,M (2835) FIDE World Cup 2023 (8.3) 0-1]

10.Qe2N

[Vorgänger: 10.h3 Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Qe7 12.Rf2 b6 13.Nfd2 Nb8 14.Nb1 Nbd7 15.Nc3 c6 16.d4 -0.01/21 *(16.Qf3± 0.37/21)* 16...d5= 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Qxe5 21.Qd4 Aronian,L (2735)-Giri,A (2764) Tata Steel-A 85th 2023 (7) ½-½]

10...Bxc4 11.Nxc4 Nb8 12.Qe1 b6 13.Qh4 Nbd7 14.Rf2 g6 15.Raf1 Nh5 16.Qh3 f6 0.69/20

[16...Qe7= 0.27/19]

17.Qe6+± Kh8 18.d4 Wards off Nd7-c5. White has more active pieces. **18...Ng7 19.Qd5 Qe7** 2.03/22

[19...Rc8± 0.53/22]

20.Na3? 0.23/21

[20.dxe5!+- 2.03/22 Rae8 21.exd6 Qxe4 22.Qxe4 Rxe4 23.Nfd2]

20...Rac8= 21.Nb5 Ne6 0.91/20

[21...f5= 0.23/21]

22.Nd2 Nb8 23.Qb7 Nd7 24.Qd5 -0.01/20

[24.Nc4± 0.80/21]

24...Kg7 0.93/20

[24...Nb8!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]

25.Nb1 0.45/21

[25.b3± 0.93/20]

25...Nb8± 26.N1c3 Qd7 White must now prevent ...c7-c6. **27.Qa2**

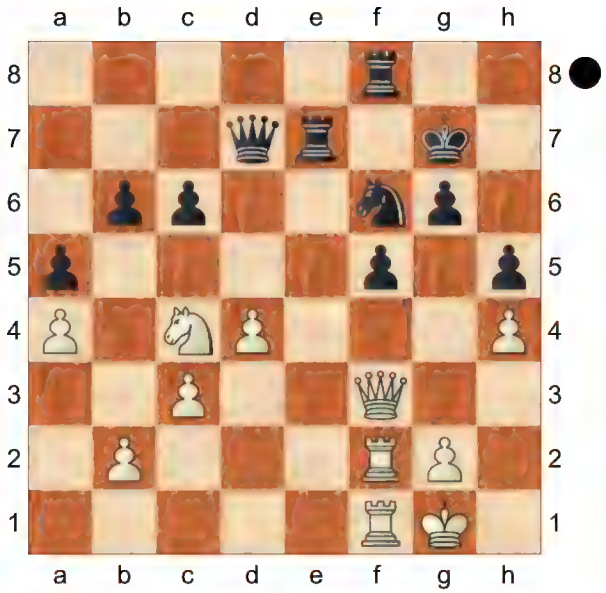
Threatens to win with Nc3-d5. **27...Rf7 28.Nd5 Rcf8 29.c3** -0.44/21
[29.h4± 0.57/19]
29...Nc6 0.40/20
[29...Qd8!∓ -0.44/21 30.Nxb6 Ng5]
30.h3 -0.13/21
[30.Qc4± 0.40/20]
30...h5 0.50/20
[30...Ne7= -0.13/21]
31.Qb3 -0.10/23
[White should play 31.Rd1± 0.50/20]
31...Ne7= 32.Nxe7 -0.71/23
[32.Qc4= -0.08/21 Nc8 *(32...c6 33.Nxb6 cxb5 34.axb5±)* 33.dxe5 dxe5 34.Rd2]
32...Rxe7∓ 33.Qc2 c6 -0.01/23
[33...Ng5∓ -0.52/22 34.h4 Nh7]
34.Na3 Ng5 aiming for ...e5xd4. **35.h4 Nh7 36.Nc4** -0.66/22
[36.dxe5= 0.01/21 Rxe5 37.Nc4]
36...d5!∓ 37.Nd2 -1.14/21
[37.Nxb6? too greedy. Qd8 38.Nxd5 *(38.Qb3? Rb7-+)* 38...cxd5 39.exd5 exd4-+ *(39...Qxd5? 40.e4-+)*]
[37.exd5∓ -0.59/22 cxd5 38.Na3 *(38.Nxb6? Qc6-+)*]
37...dxe4!∓ 38.Qxe4 f5! 39.Qf3 -1.58/23
[39.Qc2∓ -0.65/20]
39...Nf6 40.Nc4 exd4 41.exd4

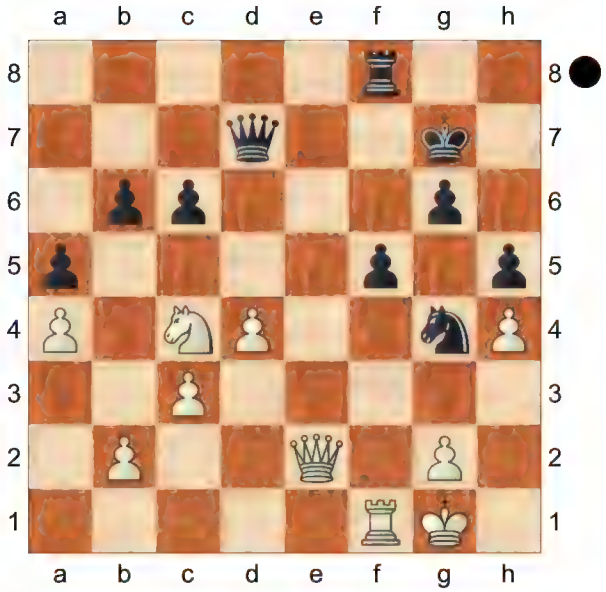
(Diagram)

Ng4! Inhibits Nc4-e5. **42.Re2 Rxe2 43.Qxe2**

(Diagram)

Re8! 44.Ne5 Qe7 -0.76/25
[⌓44...Qd8 -1.52/25 45.g3 c5]
45.Qc4 Nxe5 -0.57/24
[Weaker is 45...Qxh4 46.Qf7+ Kh8 47.Nxg6#]





[45...c5∓ -0.99/25 ...Ng4-e3 would now be deadly. 46.Re1 Qf6 *(46...Qxh4 47.Qf7+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kh8 48.Nxg6#; 46...cxd4 47.cxd4 Qe6 48.Qc7+ Re7 49.Qc3=)*]
46.dxe5∓ Qxe5 -0.17/24
[46...Qc7∓ -0.61/24 is superior. 47.e6 Qd6]
47.Qxc6∓ Endgame. KQR-KQR
47...Qe3+ 48.Kh2 Qe5+ 49.Kg1 Re6 50.Qb7+ Kh6 -0.03/25
[50...Kf6∓ -0.51/23 51.Qh7 Qd6]

51.Qf7 Re8 52.Rd1 Qe3+

White happily takes the draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

½-½

		C50
□	**Deac,Bogdan Daniel**	**2683**
■	**Nasuta,Grzegorz**	**2533**
Arad op 17th (5)		08.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

Die nachfolgende Partie wird durch den unterschiedlichen Werdegang der Damen bestimmt. Zunächst bringt Schwarz seine Dame zu früh heraus und erlaubt dem Weißen eine schnelle Entwicklung. Schließlich läßt sich die schwarze Dame auf b8 nieder und die Stellung erscheint halbwegs gesichert. Dann jedoch schwenkt die weiße Dame elegant zum verwaisten schwarzen Königsflügel und entfacht einen heftigen Angriff. Ich verwende Kommentare von Euwe, Petrosian und Kmoch aus "Von Steinitz bis Fischer" von Max Euwe. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.0-0 a6 6.a4 h6N**

[6...d6 7.a5 *(7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 h6 9.b4 0-0 10.Ra2 Ne7 11.Nbd2 Ng6 12.Nf1 c6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Ng3 Qe8 16.d4 Rd8 17.h3 exd4 18.cxd4 e5 19.Be3 exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qf7* Salinas Cardenas,R (2499)-Medvegy,Z (2153) Amsterdam ACT op 2nd 2005 (3) 1-0*)* 7...Ba7 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6 10.Be3 Re8 11.Qb3 Qe7 12.Nbd2 Rb8 13.Bxa7 Nxa7 14.d4 Nc6 15.Rfe1 Bd7 16.d5 Na7 17.Bf1 Nh7 18.c4 Ng5 19.Qe3 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Nc8 21.b4 Petrosian,T-Smyslov,V URS-ch28 Final & Zonal 1961 (7) 1-0 f5 22.Bd3 Qf6 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Qxf5 25.Nd4 Qf7 26.f4 c6 27.fxe5 cxd5 28.e6 Qg6 29.Rf1 Ne7 30.Rf7 dxc4 31.Raf1 Kh8 32.R1f3 Nc6 33.Nxc6 bxc6 34.e7 Kh7 35.Qf4 Rg8 36.Rg3 Esipenko,A (2682)-Sadhwani,R (2603) Global Chess League rapid 2023 (3.6) 1-0]

[6...0-0 7.c3 Ba7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 d6 11.Nbd2 Be6 12.Re1 Qd7 13.b4 Ne7 14.d4 Ng6 15.h3 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 g4 17.Nh4 exd4 18.cxd4 Rae8 19.Nf5 h5 20.hxg4 Nxe4 21.Nce3 Cornette,M (2581)-Mccarthy,K (1995) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (1.5) 1-0 Nxg3 22.fxg3 Ne7 23.gxh5 Nxf5 24.Qg4+ Kh7 25.Qxf5+ Qxf5 26.Nxf5 Re6 27.Kh2 Rfe8 28.Rf1 Rg8 29.Rf4 d5 30.Raf1 Bb8 31.Nh4 c6 32.Rxf7+ Kh6 33.Nf5+ Kxh5 34.Ng7+ Hetenyi,G (2581)-Enoch (2545) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 146/(21) 2020 (3) 1-0]

7.Be3!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **7...d6 8.Nbd2** White has an edge. **8...0-0 9.c3 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qb3 Qd7 13.h3N**

[Vorgänger: 13.d4 Kh7 14.Rad1 Rab8 15.Nc4 exd4 16.exd4 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Ne3 Ne7 19.Qc2 Harikrishna,P (2731)-Svidler,P (2719) Hamburg FIDE GP 2019 (1.2) ½-½]

[13.Qxb7? Rfb8-+]

13...Kh7 14.Rf2

[14.Qxb7? perishes. Rfb8-+]

14...Rab8 15.Raf1 Ne7 16.g4 Kh8 17.g5 Nh7 18.h4 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Rg2 hxg5 21.Nxg5 Nxg5 22.hxg5 Threatens to win with Qb3-d1. **22...Rxf1+ 23.Nxf1** Strongly threatening Qb3-d1. **23...g6** 0.79/24

[23...Kg8= 0.10/24]

24.Qd1 Kg7 25.Rf2 0.01/24

[25.Rh2!± 0.81/23]

25...Ng8 0.92/24

[25...Nc6!= 0.01/24 keeps the balance.]

26.Qg4 And now Rf2-h2 would win.

26...Rf8 27.Rh2

[27.Nh2 simplifies Rxf2 28.Kxf2 b4 29.cxb4 Qa4 30.Qxe6 Qxb4 31.Qd7+]

27...Rf7 28.Rh4

[28.Qh3 simplifies Qe8 29.Rf2 Rxf2 30.Kxf2 Qd8 31.Qg4]

28...b4 29.Qh3 0.01/26

[Of course not 29.cxb4 Qb5=]

[29.c4!± 0.52/25]

29...bxc3 Hoping for ...c3-c2.

[29...Kf8 simplifies 30.cxb4 Qa4 31.Rh7 Rxh7 32.Qxh7 Ne7]

30.bxc3

[Wrong is 30.Rh8? c2 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qxg8+ Ke7-+]

[30.Rh7+ simplifies Kf8 31.Rxf7+ Qxf7 32.bxc3 Qe7 33.Qg2]

30...Qe7 31.Qg4

[31.Rh7+ simplifies Kf8 32.Rxf7+ Qxf7 33.Nd2]

31...Qd7 32.Qh3 Qe7

[32...Kf8 simplifies 33.Rh8 Qa4 34.Qh6+ Rg7]

33.Rh7+ Kf8 34.Rxf7+ Qxf7= Endgame. KQN-KQN **35.Nh2 c5** 0.66/24

[35...Qd7= 0.17/23 feels stronger.]

36.Kg2± Qe7 37.Nf3 Kg7 38.Kf2 Qf7 39.Ke2 Qd7 40.Nd2 Qe7 41.Qg4 Qd7 42.Nc4 Qe7 43.Kd2 Qd7 44.Ke1 Qe7 45.Kf2 Qf7+ 46.Kg2 Qd7 47.Qf3 0.30/27

[47.Qg3± 0.78/24]

47...Qe7 0.72/25

[47...Qd8= 0.30/27 was preferrable.]

48.Qg3± Qc7 49.Kh3 0.08/25

[White should try 49.Kf3± 0.76/24]

49...Kf7 0.73/26

[49...Kf8!= 0.08/25]

50.Qh4! Kg7 Repels Qh4-h7+ **51.Qg3** -0.01/26 White is more active.

[51.Qf2± 0.79/24]

51...Kf7= 52.Kg4 Kg7 0.73/26

[52...Ne7= 0.01/25]

53.Qh2± Qb8 54.Qa2 Inhibits Qb8-b3.

54...Ne7 55.Nd2 0.01/25

[55.Kf3± 0.83/22]

55...Kf7 56.Nf3 Qb7 57.Kg3 Ng8 0.65/25

[57...Qb5= 0.06/23 58.c4 Qb7]

58.Nd2 Qe7 1.08/26

[58...Ne7± 0.50/24]

(Diagram)

59.Kg4! Black must now prevent Nd2-c4. **59...Qb7 60.Nc4 Qb8** 3.06/29 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[60...Ke7± 1.07/26]

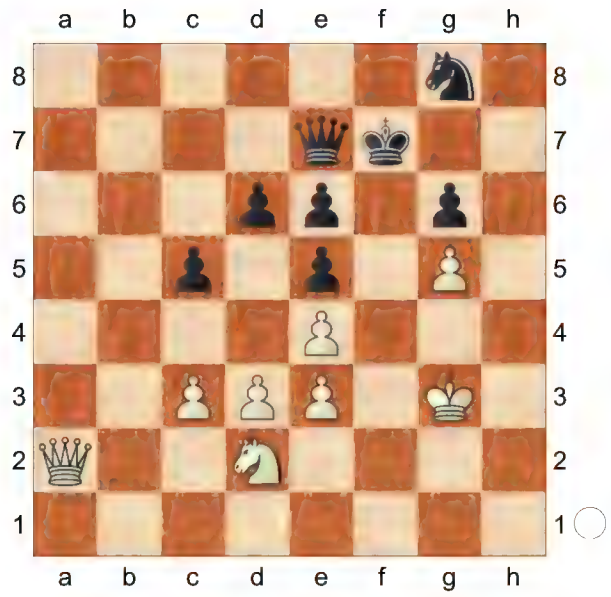
61.Qa6 Qb1? 6.84/31

[61...Ke7 1.96/26]

62.Nxd6++- White is clearly winning.

62...Ke7 63.Qb7+ Qxb7 64.Nxb7 c4 65.d4 exd4 66.exd4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very



precise) /Black=0.33
1-0

C50
□ **McShane,Luke J** 2626
■ **Vrolijk,Liam** 2569
EU-chT 24th Budva (6.4) 17.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 d6 7.a4! now scores much better than the old 7. Bg5. punktet besser als das ältere 7.Lg5. **7...Be6 8.0-0 h6 9.Bxe6** The position is equal. **9...fxe6 10.Be3 0-0** 0.48/21
[10...Qe7= -0.14/20]
11.Bxc5± dxc5 12.a5N -0.01/23
[Vorgänger: 12.b3 Rf7 13.Nb1 g5 14.Nh2 h5 15.Nd2 Rg7 16.Nc4 Qe8 17.f3 Qg6 18.c3 Van Foreest,J (2687)-Sychev,K (2549) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (10) 1-0]
[12.Nb1± 0.47/22 is superior. c4 13.Ra3 cxd3 14.Qxd3 16) Italian 4... Bc5 5.Nc3 - P-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Pract]
12...b5 13.axb6 cxb6 14.Ne2 b5 15.c3 Rf7 16.Qd2 Rd7 17.Qe3 -0.35/22
[17.Nc1= 0.14/20]
17...Rxd3∓ 18.Qxc5 Qd6 19.Qxd6 Rxd6 20.Ng3 a5 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Kf1 Nd7 24.Ke2 Nc5 25.Rd1 Prevents Nc5-d3. **25...Rxd1 26.Kxd1=** Endgame. KNN-KNN **26...b4 27.cxb4 axb4 28.Nd2 Nd3 29.Nc4 Nf4 30.Ne3 Nd4 31.f3 Kf7 32.Ngf1 h5 33.h4 Kf6 34.g3 Nd3 35.Nc4 Nc5 36.Nfd2 Nd3 37.Nf1**
[Reject 37.b3 g5∓]
37...Nc5 38.Nh2 g6 39.Kd2 Ncb3+ 40.Ke3 Nc6! 41.g4 Nc5 42.g5+ Ke7 43.Nf1 Kd7 0.83/29
[43...Kd8± 0.47/30]
44.Ng3 0.01/27
[44.Kd2± 0.83/29]
44...Ke7 0.66/28
[44...Nb3!= 0.01/27]
45.Ne2 0.01/27
[45.Ke2!± 0.66/28]
45...Nd7? 1.97/32 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[45...Nb3= 0.01/27]
46.Nc1+- Nc5 2.67/30
[46...Ke8 1.96/32 was necessary. 47.Nd3 b3]

47.Nd3! Nxd3 48.Kxd3 KN-KN **48...Kd7 49.Ke3** Strongly threatening f3-f4. **49...Kd8?** 4.63/32
[49...Kc7 2.59/29 keeps fighting. 50.f4 exf4+ 51.Kxf4 b3]
50.f4 exf4+ 51.Kxf4 Kc7 52.Ne5 Threatens to win with Ne5xc6. White is clearly winning. **52...Ne7**

(Diagram)

53.Ke3! Kb6 54.Kd4 Kb5 55.b3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very

precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

C50

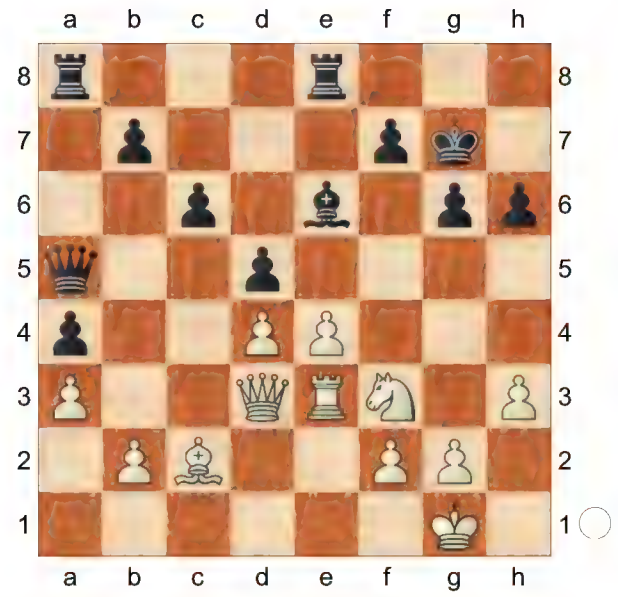
□ **Dragnev,Valentin** **2571**
■ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** **2595**
Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz (11)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
Inf 50/(340) **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3**
9.c3 is better than 9.0-0.9.c3 ist besser als 9.0-0. **9...d6 10.h3N** -0.21/21
[⌓10.b4 0.24/21 Bb6 11.a4 a6 *(11...a5 12.Nxb6 cxb6 13.bxa5 Nxa5 14.Bd5 Qc7 15.c4 Bg4 16.0-0 Kh8 17.h3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Nb3 19.Ra2 Nc5 20.Qd1 Qd7 21.f4 f6 22.d4 exd4 23.Qxd4 Rxa4 24.Rxa4 Qxa4 25.Kh2 b5 26.Rb1* Ivanovic,B (2520)-Anand,V (2610) (izt) 50/(340) 1990 *)* 12.b5 Ne7 13.Nxb6 cxb6 14.bxa6 bxa6 15.0-0 Ng6 16.Kh1 Kh8 17.Bd5 Rb8 18.Qd2 Nf4 19.c4 f5 20.Ng1 Ne6 21.Ne2 Nc5 22.Qc2 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Nxe4 24.dxe4 Be6 25.Ra3 Rc8 26.Rc3 Nimzowitsch,A-Kostic,B Goteborg 1920 (11) 0-1]
[10.d4 Bb6 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Qh5 Qd6 14.0-0-0 Qc5 15.Bb3 a5 16.g4 a4 17.Nf6+ Kh8 18.Bxf7 Qxf2 19.Rhf1 Qe3+ 20.Kb1 Qg5 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.Nd7 Bxd7 23.Rxd7 Rad8 24.Rf3 g6 Belkhodja,S (2449)-Iuldachev,S (2536) Dubai op 6th_88769 2004 (9) 0-1]
10...Ne7 11.0-0 Nxd5 12.Bxd5
The position is equal. **12...c6 13.Bb3 a5N**
[Vorgänger: 13...Qf6 14.d4 Bb6 15.Re1 Re8 16.Qd3 exd4 17.cxd4 Be6 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.a4 Ba5 Suwara,K (1780)-Dogan,A (1673) SC-2016-0-00281 2015 1-0]
14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 Bb6 16.Re1 Re8 17.Qd3 a4 18.Bc2 g6 19.Qd2 Kg7
White must now prevent ...Bb6-a5.
20.Qc3 -1.76/22 Loses the game.
[20.Re2= -0.13/20 and White stays safe.]
20...Ba5-+

Skewer, Deflection **21.Qd3** -2.03/22
[⌓21.Qe3 -1.64/21]
21...Bxe1 22.Rxe1 Qa5 23.a3 Be6 24.Re3 -2.38/22
[⌓24.Qe3 -1.77/20]
24...d5

(Diagram)

...d5xe4 is the strong threat. **25.Ne5?** -3.37/21
[25.e5 -1.77/21]
25...dxe4 -1.74/20
[⌓25...Rad8 -3.37/21 26.b4 axb3 27.Qxb3 dxe4 28.Qxb7 Rb8 *(28...Rxd4 29.Nxc6 Qd5 30.Qb2±* Pin *)* 29.Nxc6 Qd5 *(29...Rxb7? 30.Nxa5 Rb5 31.Nc6-+)* 30.Bxe4 Rxb7 31.Bxd5 Bxd5 32.Rxe8 Bxc6]
26.Qxe4 Qd5 27.Qf4 Rad8 28.Rg3



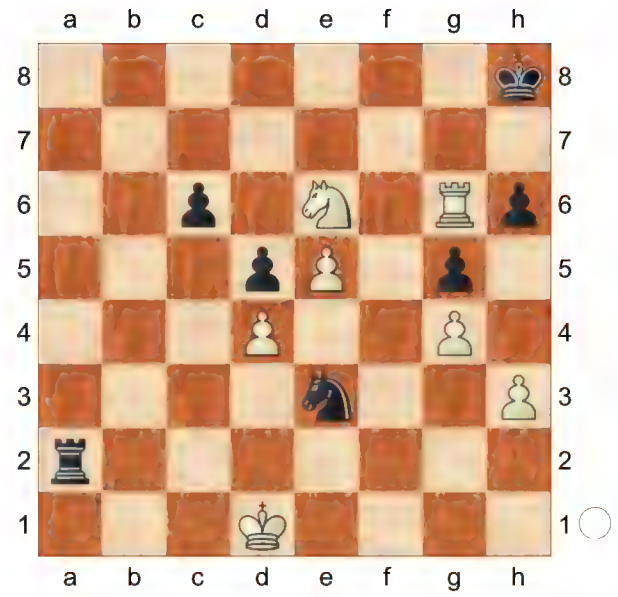
-4.53/29
[28.Rf3 -2.07/21 Bf5 *(28...Qxd4? 29.Qf6+ Kg8 30.Bxg6+-)* 29.Bxf5 *(29.Bxa4? Qxd4 30.g4 Rxe5-+)* 29...Qxd4 30.Nxg6 fxg6 *(30...Re1+? 31.Kh2+-)* 31.Qc7+ Kg8 32.Rg3]
28...Qxd4 29.Nxg6 Threatens to win with Ng6-e5+. **29...Qxf4**
[29...Qxb2? too greedy. 30.Ne5+ Kf8 31.Qf6 Qa1+ *(31...Qxc2? perishes. 32.Ng6++-; 31...Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qxc2 33.Ng6+)* 32.Kh2+-]
30.Nxf4+ Kf6 31.Bxa4 Rd4 32.Nh5+ Ke7 33.Bc2 Rd2 34.Rc3 Red8 35.Ng3 Prevents Rd2-e2. **35...R8d4 36.Nf1?** -4.53/23
[36.b3 -2.00/22]
36...Re2 Black is clearly winning. **37.Ng3 Re1+ 38.Kh2 Rd2 39.f3 Rc1 40.Be4 Rxc3 41.bxc3 Ra2**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.26 (precise)
0-1

C50
□ **Saric,Ivan** 2647
■ **Parligras,Mircea Emilian** 2561
FIDE Grand Swiss (3) 27.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.c3 Ba7 8.Re1 White has an edge. **8...h6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Be6N**
[10...Nh5 11.Nf1 Qf6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Nf4 14.Kh2 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Rf1 g5 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.b4 Ne7 19.b5 a5 20.b6 cxb6 21.Rb1 Nc8 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.g3 Ng6 24.Qb3 Qc7 25.Kg2 Donchenko,A (2676)-Heimann,A (2552) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (5.1) 1-0]
[10...Re8 11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Ng3 d5 14.Qe2 a5 15.Nh4 Ne7 16.Nhf5 dxe4 17.dxe4 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 Qd7 19.Qf3 Rd8 20.Bxh6 Nxe4 21.Rxe4 gxh6 22.Qg4+ Rg6 23.Nxh6+ Kf8 24.Qxd7 Rxd7 25.Nf5 Adly,A (2620)-Alharari,M (2038) 43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.23) 1-0 Rd2 26.Rf1 Rxb2 27.Rxe5 Bb6 28.Re4 Rd2 29.g4 Rd3 30.Rfe1 Rd8 31.h4 Rf6 32.Kg2 Kg8 33.Re8+ Rxe8 34.Rxe8+ Kh7 35.h5 Re6 36.Rf8 f6 37.Rf7+ Kg8 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.h6 Brady,T (2620)-Martin Barcelo,C (2038) Uxbridge 108/(288) 2009 (1.23) 1-0]
11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nh5 13.Nf1 Nf4 14.Ra2 Qe8 15.Kh2 Qh5 0.35/22
[15...Ne7= -0.01/19]
16.Ng1 -0.09/20
[16.b5± 0.35/22 deserves consideration. Nd8 *(16...Nxh3 17.Ng3±)* 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.bxa6]
16...Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Rad8 18.b5 Ne7 19.Nf3 Neg6 20.d4 exd4 21.cxd4 axb5 22.axb5 Bb6 23.Be3 Ra8 24.Rda1 Rxa2 25.Rxa2 Nd3 26.Rd2 Ndf4 27.Ra2 -0.01/23
[27.d5± 0.46/23]
27...Nd3= 28.Ra3 Nb2 29.N1d2 d5 30.e5 Ne7 31.g4 Nd1 32.Kg3 Nxe3 0.73/24
[32...Rb8± 0.32/23]
33.fxe3± c5 1.32/24
[33...Kf7± 0.59/23]
34.bxc6 bxc6 35.Nb3 Rb8 36.Ne1 Rb7 37.Ra6 Kf7 38.Nd3 Nc8 39.Ra8 Ne7 40.Nbc5! Ra7 2.65/27
[40...Bxc5 1.98/22 is a better defense. 41.Nxc5 Rb2]
41.Rb8+- Bxc5 42.Nxc5 Endgame. KRN-KRN
[42.dxc5? Ra3 43.Nb4 Rxe3+ 44.Kf2 Rc3-+ *(44...Rxh3 45.Rb7=)*]
42...Ra3 43.Kf3 g5 44.Rh8 Kg7 Prevents Rh8-h7+. **45.Rd8**
[45.Nxe6+? Kxh8 46.Kf2 Ra2+ 47.Ke1 Rh2-+]
45...Ng6 2.75/28
[⌓45...Kf7 1.82/28]
46.Rd7+
[46.Nxe6+ Kf7±]
46...Kg8 47.Nxe6 Hoping for Rd7-g7+. **47...Nh4+ 48.Ke2** Strongly threatening Ne6-g7. **48...Ra2+ 49.Kd3 Ra3+ 50.Ke2?** -0.01/21
[50.Kc2+- 2.36/25]
50...Ra2+= 51.Kd1!
[51.Kd3 Ra3+ 52.Ke2±]
51...Ng2 52.Rg7+ Kh8 53.Rg6 Nxe3+

(Diagram)

54.Kc1! Rc2+ 2.00/5
[⌓54...Kh7 3.38/23 55.Nf8+ Kh8 56.Rxh6+ *(56.Rxc6 Kg7+-)*

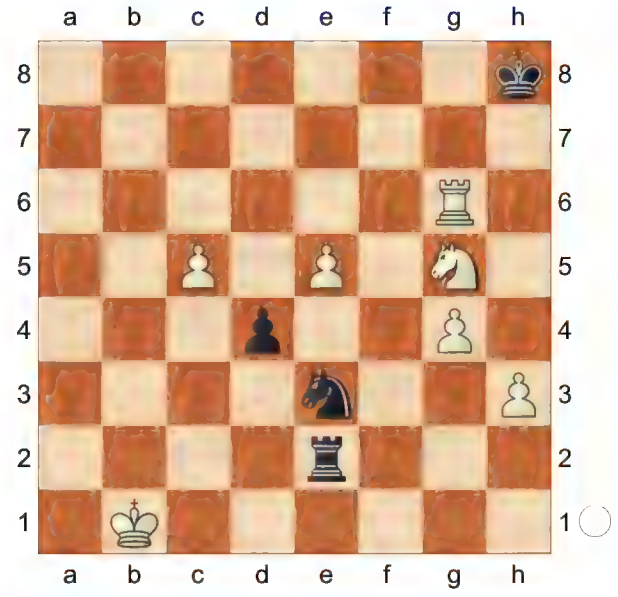


56...Kg8]

55.Kb1+- Re2 56.Rxh6+ Kg8 57.Nxg5 c5 58.Rg6+ Kh8 5.28/24

[⌓58...Kf8 3.50/24 59.Ne6+ *(59.dxc5 Nd1+-)* 59...Kf7]

59.dxc5 White is clearly winning. **59...d4**



60.Ne4! Ne4-f6 would kill now.

[Not 60.Rd6 Nd1±]

60...Kh7 61.Rd6 And now c5-c6! would win. **61...Nc2 62.Kc1**

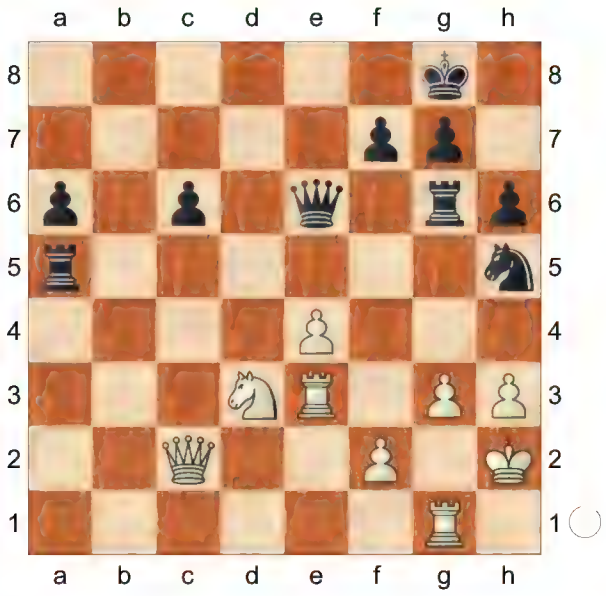
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)

1-0

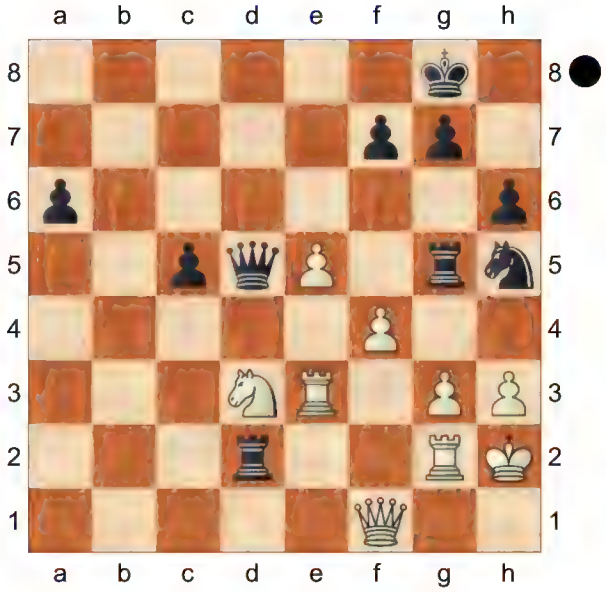
C50
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2702**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
World-chT Rapid (11) 28.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.a4 a6 6...h6 is the hot move. 6...h6 ist der hippe Zug. **7.c3 Ba7 8.Nbd2**
[8.h3 h6 9.Nbd2 g5 10.Re1 g4 11.hxg4 Nxg4 12.Re2 Qf6 13.Nf1 Rg8 14.Rc2 Bd7 15.b4 Qg6 16.Be3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 a5 18.Rf2 Rg7 19.Qb3 0-0-0 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Rb1 Nxd5 22.bxa5 Nb6 Quinn,R (2133)-Keller,P (2358) Dublin Irish New Year IM 2023 (6) 1-0]
8...0-0 The position is equal. **9.h3**
[9.b4 h6 10.h3 Ne7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 d5 14.Bf1 Bxd4 15.cxd4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Rxe4 Be6 18.d5 Qxd5 19.Rd4 Qf5 20.Bb2 c6 21.Rc1 Bd5 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.Rg4 Rae8 Nikitenko,M (2484)-Sjugirov,S (2709) RUS-chT Blitz 2022 (11.10) 0-1]
9...Re8N
[9...Kh8 10.Re1 Ng8 11.Nf1 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Be3 Qf6 14.N1h2 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Nge7 Italian Game-4. 0-0 2018]
10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 Threatens to win with ...Nh5-f4. **15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3N** -0.08/20
[Vorgänger: 19.Qxc7 Rf6 20.Rf1! Nf4 21.Nf3 -0.01/24 *(21.Nb3± 0.46/21 Qd6 22.Qxb7)* 21...Nxh3+!= 22.Kh2 Rxf3! 23.gxf3 Nf4 24.Qxb7? -7.15/24 *(24.bxa6= -0.01/23 bxa6 25.Rad1)* 24...Qd8-+ (-> ...Qd8-h4+) 25.Rfc1 Mons,L (2530)-Schroeder,J (2568) Hobbits Invitational blitz 2021 (1.5) ½-½]
[19.Qxc7± 0.54/21 Rf6 20.Rf1 *(20.Qxb7? Qxf2+ 21.Kh2 Qf4+ 22.Kg1 Rf8-+; 20.Nf3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Nf4=)* 20...axb5 21.axb5 *(21.Qxb7 Qd8±)*]
19...Qd8 20.g3! Rh6 White must now prevent ...Qd8-c8. **21.Kg2?** -1.25/22
[21.bxa6= 0.26/20 Raxa6 22.Qc5]
21...Qg5!∓ 22.Rh1 Rd8 -0.14/21
[22...Nf4+∓ -1.13/21 23.Kf1 Ne6 *(23...Nxh3 24.bxa6 bxa6 25.a5∓; 23...Rxh3 24.Rxh3 Nxh3 25.Qxc7=)*]
23.d4 -0.64/20
[23.h4= -0.14/21 Qf6 24.Qxc7]
23...Rg6 0.01/21
[23...exd4∓ -0.64/20 24.Qxc7 Rhd6 *(24...axb5 25.h4=)*]
24.Kh2 c6
[24...Nxg3!? 25.Rhg1□ Pin Nf1+ 26.Raxf1 Qf4+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kh2 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+=]
25.bxa6 bxa6
[25...Nxg3!? 26.Rhg1□ Pin Nf1+ 27.Raxf1 Qf4+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.Kh1 Qf3+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+=]
26.dxe5 Qxe5 0.76/22
[26...Nxg3!= 0.01/24 27.Rhg1 Pin Nf1+ 28.Raxf1 Qf4+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.Kh1 Qf3+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+]
27.Rad1 Rb8 28.Rhg1 h6 29.Rd3 0.39/21
[29.Rd2!± 0.75/23]
29...Rb4 1.03/21
[29...Qxe4? perishes. 30.Rd8+ Rxd8 31.Qxe4+-]
[29...Rd6± 0.39/21]

30.Re3 -0.01/21
[30.Re1!± 1.03/21]
30...Rxa4 0.44/23
[30...Nf6!= -0.01/21]
31.Nc5± **Ra5** **32.Nd3** White has compensation. **32...Qe6** 2.21/22
[Black should play 32...Qc7!± 0.32/21]



33.e5!+- **Ra2** **34.Qd1** 0.81/23
[34.Qc1+- 2.12/22 has better winning chances.]
34...Rg5± **35.Rg2** g3-g4 would now be deadly. **35...Qd5!** Strongly threatening ... Nh5-f4! **36.Qb1** **Rd2** **37.Qf1** -0.85/23
[37.Ne1= 0.26/24 keeps the balance. Rd1 *(37...Rxe5?* is the wrong capture. *38.Qb8+ Qd8 39.Qxd8+ Rxd8 40.Rxe5+-)* 38.Qc2]
37...c5→ Black has some attack. Black is much more active. **38.f4?** -6.32/24
[38.Qb1∓ -0.70/22]



38...Rxg3!-+ Pin. Black is clearly winning. **39.Rxd2**
[39.Rexg3 Nxg3]
39...Rxe3 **40.Qd1** **Ng3**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/Black=0.27 (precise)
0-1

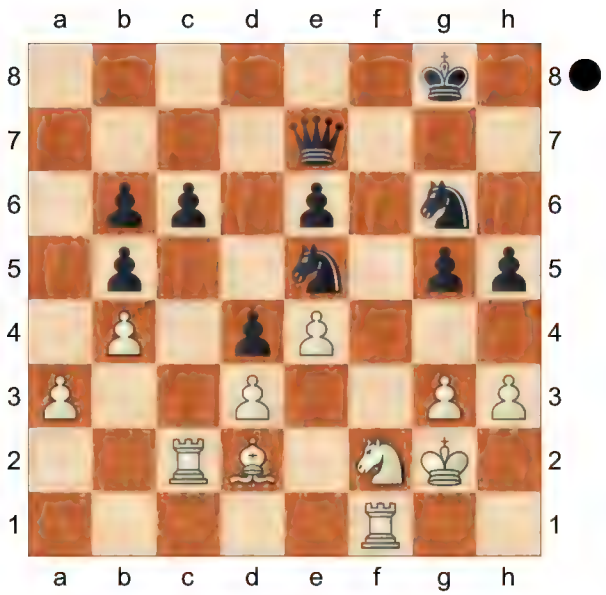
C50

□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2695**
■ **Giri,Anish** **2772**
NED-ch KO Utrecht (4.5) 09.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.a3 h6 8.0-0 now scores much better than the old 8.Nxb6. punktet besser als das ältere 8.Sxb6. **8...0-0** The position is equal. **9.h3 Qe8!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **10.b4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.c3**
[12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Rfa1 Nb8 22.a5 bxa5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Na6 25.b5 Nb4 26.Ra3 c5 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2792)-Deslandes,P (2820) Biel MTO op 2005 (2) 1-0]
12...Ne7 13.Ra2N
[Predecessor: 13.Re1 Ng6 14.d4 -0.30/21 *(⌓14.Nxb6 0.19/21 axb6 15.c4; 14.Ra2 Rd8 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.a4 Qf7 17.Nh2 Kh7 18.g3 Qd7 19.c4 d5 20.Rd2 Rf7 21.Qc2 c5 22.b5 Qd6 23.Kg2 Rdf8 24.Qd1 Qd7 25.Rf1 Rd8 26.Qe2 Ra8 27.Qd1 Rd8 28.Qc2 Qe8* Chernov,V (2654)-Pedersen,P (2670) Jermuk FIDE GP 2009 (2.2) 1-0) 14...Nd7 0.40/19 *(*Better is *14...d5=* -0.30/21 *)* 15.Be3 Rf6 0.64/20 *(15...exd4=* 0.16/20 deserves consideration. *16.cxd4 Nf6)* 16.Nh2 0.14/20 *(16.Nxb6± 0.64/20 axb6 17.c4)* 16...Nf4 17.Ng4 Rf8 18.Nxb6 axb6 19.Bxf4 Rxf4 ½-½ Abdusattorov,N (2713)-Maghsoodloo,P (2719) Tata Steel India Blitz 2022 (18)]
[13.c4 Bd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.f4 Kh7 16.Bd2 e5 17.c5 b6 18.Nb2 b5 19.a4 a6 20.Qb3 Nc6 21.cxd6 cxd6 22.f5 Qd7 23.Nd1 d5 24.Nf2 Na7 25.axb5 Nxb5 26.exd5 Nxd5 27.Ne4 Ne3 Piccoli,L (2220)-Proudian,A (2431) Niteroi op 3rd 2023 (4) ½-½]
13...Nh5 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.g3 b5 16.Kg2 b6 17.Nh2 Nf6 18.Be3 Qc6 19.Bd2 d5 20.f3 Rad8 21.Qe2 Rd7 22.Ng4 Ng6 23.Nf2 Rdf7 24.Kh2 -0.73/19
[24.h4= -0.18/20]
24...Qd7 25.Be3 Nh7 26.Kg2 -1.65/21 Black continues to play with concentration.
[26.Nh1∓ -0.40/20]
26...d4 -1.02/21
[26...Rxf3-+ -1.65/21 27.Raa1 Qd8]
27.cxd4 -2.51/22
[27.Bd2∓ -1.02/21]
27...exd4-+ 28.Bc1 -3.37/21
[⌓28.Bxh6 -2.15/22 Rxf3 *(28...gxh6? 29.Ng4∓)* 29.Bc1]
28...Rxf3 29.Qxf3 Rxf3 30.Kxf3 Ne5+ -2.02/21
[⌓30...Nf6 -3.51/20 Threatens to win with ...c7-c5. 31.Rd1 c5]
31.Kg2 g5 Dodges Bc1-f4 **32.Rc2 Nf8 33.Bb2** -2.64/21
[33.h4∓ -1.46/21]
33...Nfg6 34.Rfc1 c6 35.Rf1 h5 36.Bc1 Qe7 37.Bd2? -3.70/21
[37.Ra2 -1.95/21]

(Diagram)

37...h4 38.Ng4 Nxg4
[Inferior is 38...Nxd3 39.Rxc6 Kg7



40.Nf6= *(40.Rxb6? loses. Qc7-+; 40.Rf6 hxg3 41.Bxg5 Qd7=; 40.Rxb6? Qc7-+; 40.Rf6 hxg3 41.Bxg5 Qd7=)*]

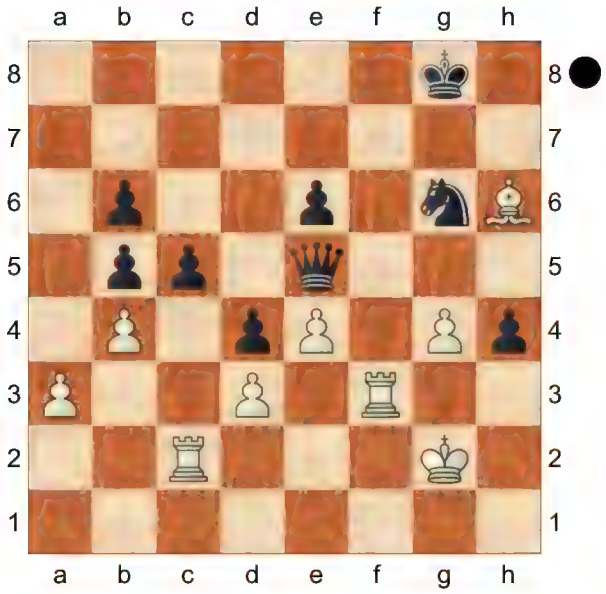
39.hxg4 Qd6 40.gxh4 gxh4 41.Rf3 Wards off Qd6-g3+ **41...c5** Hoping for ... c5-c4! **42.Bg5?** -4.04/22

[42.Rc1 -2.37/21]

42...Qe5

[42...cxb4 43.axb4 Qb8 44.Bf6=]

43.Bh6



c4! 44.Kh3

[44.Kg1 Kh7]

44...Qc7 45.Bg5? -5.85/21

[45.Rcf2 -3.11/20]

45...Ne5 Deflection **46.Rf6** Bg5-f4 is the strong threat. **46...Qg7 47.Kxh4 Nf7 48.Rxf7 Qxf7 49.dxc4 d3 50.Rc3 Qf2+ 51.Kh5 Qh2+ 52.Bh4 Qe5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.76/ Black=0.26 (precise)

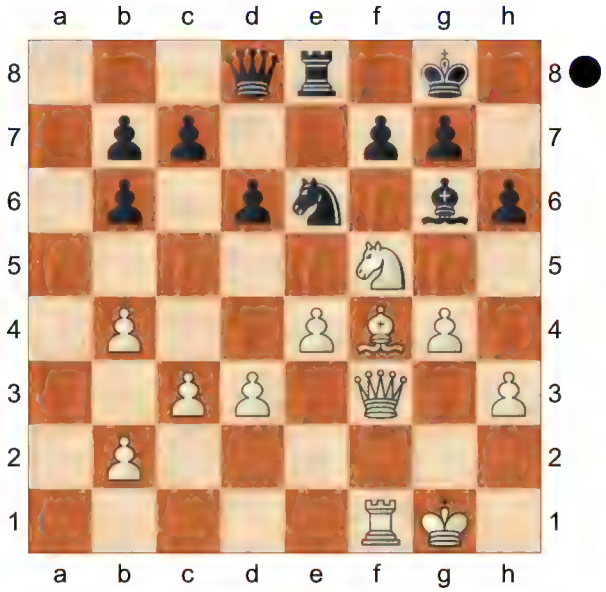
0-1

C50

□ **Aronian,Levon** **2745**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Warsaw Superbet Blitz (5) 24.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3
[5.d3 h6 6.c3 d6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nf1 Ba7 10.Ng3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 a4 14.d4 Qe8 15.Qd3 1-0 Aronian,L (2785)-So,W (2778) Chess.com Rapid Wk5 KO 2022 (2.1)]
5...d6 6.Na4 Bb6 7.d3 Na5
7...h6 is a critical line. 7...h6 ist die kritische Fortsetzung. **8.Bb3** White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.c3N**
[Vorgänger: 9.h3 Nxb3 10.Nxb6 -0.41/22 *(10.axb3= 0.26/22 Ba5 11.Nc3)* 10...axb6∓ 11.cxb3 0-0 12.b4 Re8 13.b3 -0.60/19 *(13.Bd2= -0.17/21)* 13...Nh7 14.d4 exd4 15.Qxd4 0-1 Lugovskoy,M (2443)-Zakaryan,D (2407) South FR-ch Maikop 2018 (9)]
9...Nxb3 10.axb3 Bg4N
[10...Bd7 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Be3 *(12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Nh4 g5 14.Qf3 Ke7 15.Nf5+ Bxf5 16.exf5 Qc8 17.h3 Rg8 18.Bd2 h5 19.g4 Qd7 20.c4 Qc6 21.Qg3 b5 22.Be3 h4 23.Qg2 Qxg2+ 24.Kxg2 bxc4 25.bxc4 c5 26.b4 b6* Beliavsky,A (2619)-Inarkiev,E (2674) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10) ½-½) 12...0-0 13.h3 Re8 14.Qc2 Bc6 15.b4 Rxa1 16.Rxa1 d5 17.Nd2 Qd7 18.Re1 Rd8 19.f3 dxe4 20.dxe4 Qe6 21.Nf1 Ne8 22.Rd1 Ra8 23.Ng3 Ba4 24.Qc1 Bxd1 25.Qxd1 8.♗h4 g6 9.f4 e5 (2603)-Behrmann (2553) Baku op 2010 (2.19) 0-1 Nd6 26.b3 f6 27.c4 Rd8 28.Qc2 Nf7 29.Nf5 Kh7 30.h4 g6 31.Ng3 Qd7 32.Qf2 h5 33.Kh2 Qd3 34.f4 Nh6 35.Nf1 Ng4+ 36.Kg3 Qxe4 37.fxe5 Rd3 38.exf6 Nxe3 39.Nxe3 Qxe3+ 40.Qf3 Sadhwani,R (2603)-Lazavik,D (2553) Chess.com U20 Speed blitz 2023 (2.19) 0-1]
11.h3 Bh5 12.g4 aiming for Na4xb6!
12...Bg6 13.Nxb6 axb6 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.Nh2 -0.24/19
[Better is 15.Nh4 0.30/19]
15...0-0 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nd7 -0.02/20
[17...Qa2∓ -0.43/22 should be considered. 18.h4 Qxb2]
18.Nf3= Re8 19.Nd4 Qd8 20.Nf5 Nc5 21.b4 Ne6 22.Qf3 -0.54/22
[22.Bg3= 0.01/22]

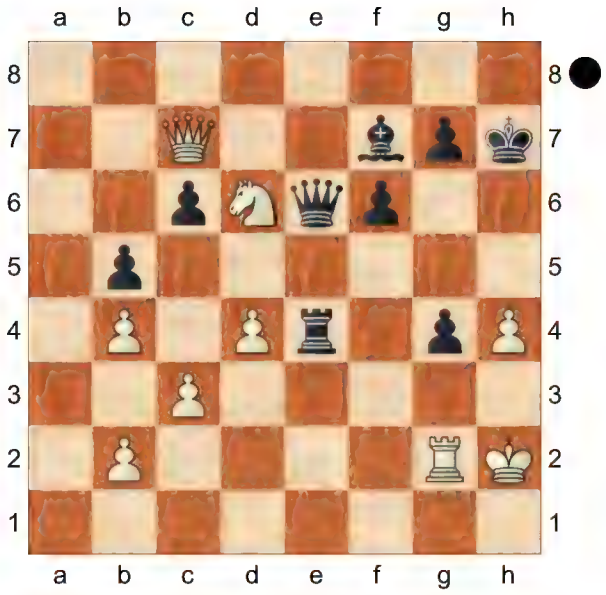


22...d5 -0.11/21 **23.exd5** -0.85/21
[23.e5= -0.11/21 keeps the balance.]
23...Nxf4∓ 24.Qxf4 Qxd5 25.d4 c6 26.Ng3 Qb3 Black is more active.
27.Qd2 b5 28.h4 -0.85/23
[28.Kh2= -0.24/22]

28...f6 -0.15/24
[28...Qe6∓ -0.85/23 29.Qf4 Qe7]
29.Kh2= Bf7 30.Rf2 Qe6 31.Qf4 Qd5 32.Nf5
[32.h5 simplifies Qg5 33.Qxg5 fxg5 34.Kh3]
32...Re4 33.Qb8+ -0.54/23
[White should try 33.Qf3!= -0.01/25]
33...Kh7∓ 34.Qg3 Re1 -0.40/24
[34...Bg6∓ -0.77/24 35.h5 Be8 *(35...Bxf5 36.Rxf5 Qc4 37.Rf2∓)*]
35.Rg2 -1.71/25
[35.Qf3!∓ -0.40/24]
35...Re4?→ -0.01/23 Black mounts an attack.
[35...Qe4-+ -1.71/25 36.g5 fxg5 37.hxg5 Bd5 38.g6+ Kh8 39.Qb8+ Bg8]
36.Qc7
[36.Nd6 simplifies Re7 37.g5 fxg5 38.hxg5 Qxg5 39.Qxg5 hxg5 40.Rxg5 Bd5 41.Re5]
36...Qe6 Threatens to win with ...h6-h5.
[36...h5!? 37.Nd6□ *(37.Qxb7? perishes. g6-+)* 37...Re3 38.Nxf7 Qe4 39.Ng5+ *(39.gxh5? gets mated. Qxh4+ 40.Kg1 Re1#)* 39...fxg5-+]
37.Qxb7? -2.88/26
[37.Nd6!= -0.01/25 Rxg4 38.Rxg4 Qxg4 39.Nxf7]
37...h5 -1.53/28
[Black should play 37...g6-+ -2.88/26 38.Ng3 Rxg4]
38.Qc7∓ hxg4 39.Nd6 -#8/18
[39.Rf2-+ -1.90/27]

(Diagram)

39...g3+! Discovered Attack **40.Rxg3 Rxh4+ 41.Kg2 Qe2+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.48/



Black=0.28 (precise)
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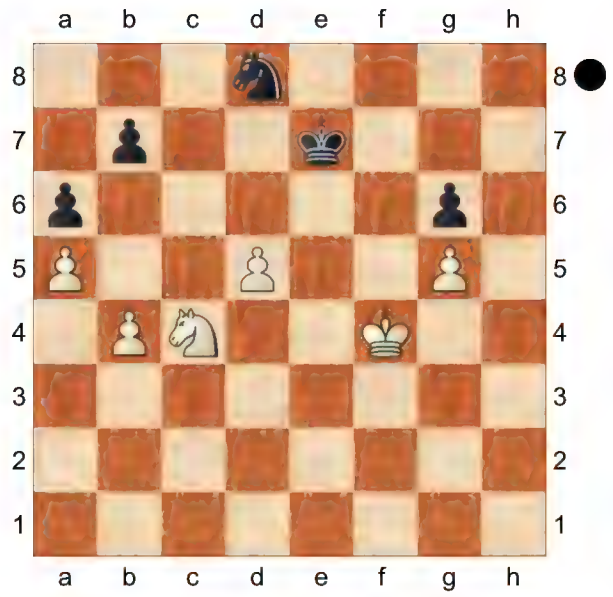
C50
□ **Alekseenko,Kirill** **2675**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2702**
ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (3.3) 18.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.h3 7.c3 deserves study.7.c3 verdient Beachtung. **7...h6 8.Be3N** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Bxe3 10.fxe3 Be6 11.Nd2 Bxc4 12.Nxc4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.e4 Nf4N**
[14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 b5 16.Ne3 Drygalov,A-IF5 Ne7 17.Rf3 Qd6 18.Rg3 Qe6 19.Kh2 Kh7 20.h4 c6 21.Qf3 Rae8 22.Rf1 f6 23.h5 Rb8 24.axb5 axb5 25.d4 b4 26.d5 Qd7 27.c4 b3 28.dxc6 Qxc6 29.Nf5 Nxf5 30.Qxf5+ Kh8 31.cxb3 Brodsky,M (2686)-Topp (2712) Daring Defences 2011 (7) 1-0 Rb7 32.Rd1 Rfb8 33.Rdd3 Qc7 34.Rg6 Qe7 35.Rgg3 Qc7 36.Rd5 Qe7 37.c5 Rxb3 38.Rxb3 Rxb3 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Rd8 Alekseenko,K (2686)-Sjugirov,S (2712) Airthings Masters Play In rapid 2023 (7) 1-0]
15.Kh2 Ng6 0.55/19
[15...f6= 0.15/21 is more appropriate.]
16.a5 Qd7 17.Nd5 Nce7 18.Nde3 f6 19.g3 Rad8 20.h4 Nh8 21.Rf2 Nf7 22.Qh5 Nd6 23.Raf1 Nxc4 24.Nxc4 Qe8 25.Qg4 0.08/23
[25.Qxe8± 0.46/22 feels stronger. Rfxe8 26.h5]
25...Nc6? 2.26/23
[25...Qc6!]
[25...Qc6!= 0.08/23 and Black is okay.]
26.Rxf6+- Rxf6 2.44/21
[⌓26...Qe7 1.96/24 27.R6f5 Rb8]
27.Rxf6 h5 28.Qg5 And now Kh2-g2 would win. **28...Qe7 29.Rf5 Qxg5 30.hxg5**

Endgame. g5-g6! would now be deadly. KRN-KRN **30...Rf8?** 3.45/27
[30...g6 1.65/26 31.Rf3 Re8]
31.Kh3
[31.Nxe5? too greedy. Rxf5 *(31...Nxa5? 32.Kh3+-)* 32.Nxc6 Rf2+ *(32...Rxg5? 33.Ne7+ Kf7 34.Nd5-+)* 33.Kg1 Rxc2 34.Ne7+ Kf7-+]
31...g6 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 KN-KN **33.c3 Ke7 34.g4 hxg4+ 35.Kxg4 Ke6 36.Kf3 Nd8?** 5.42/28
[36...Nb8 3.08/27 might work better. 37.d4 Nd7 38.Nxe5 Nf8 *(38...Nxe5+? perishes. 39.dxe5 Kxe5 40.Ke3+-)*]
37.d4 Nf7 38.Kg4 exd4 39.cxd4 Ke7 40.Kf4 Nd8 41.d5 Wards off Nd8-e6+ **41...c6 42.b4?** 0.01/27
[42.b3+- 5.96/27]
42...cxd5!= 43.exd5

(Diagram)



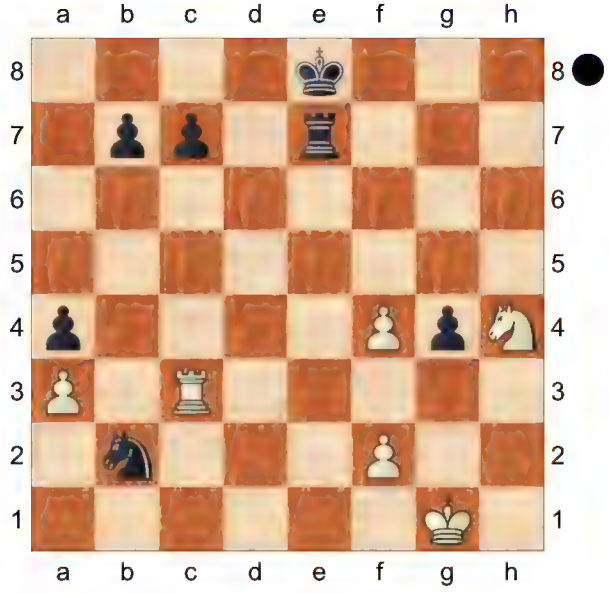
Black must now prevent Nc4-e5.
43...Kd7? 12.89/27
[43...Nf7= 0.01/25 44.Ne5 Nxg5]
44.Ne5++- Kd6 45.Ke4
[Worse is 45.Nxg6 Nf7=]
45...Kc7 46.Nxg6 Nf7 47.Kf5 Nd6+
Vorgänger: **48.Kf4 Nc4 49.Ne5 Nd6**
50.g6 White wants to mate with g6-g7.
50...Ne8 51.Nf7 Kd7 52.Ke5
Nf7-h6 would kill now. **52...Ke7 53.Nh6**
Kd7 54.Nf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.34. An unexpected result.
Caruana,F (2782)-Lazavik,D (2560)
Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W 2023 (1.4) 1-0
½-½

C50

□ **Firouzja,Alireza** 2785
■ **So,Wesley** 2760
Bucharest Superbet Classic 3rd (1)
[Kitty Kat]

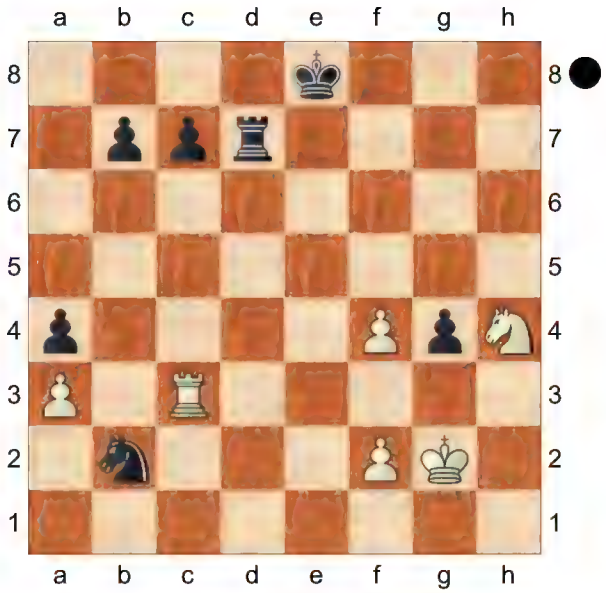
C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6
[4...Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Re1 a6 9.a4 a5 10.Nbd2 Be6 11.b3 Re8 12.Bb2 d5 13.Bb5 dxe4 14.dxe4 Nh5 15.Nc4 Qf6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Ncxe5 Bxh3 18.Nd3 Qg6 19.Nh4 Firouzja,A (2778)-So,W (2771) Sinquefield Cup 9th 2022 (8) 1-0]
5.c3 Bb6 6.0-0 h6 7.Nbd2
[7.Re1 Nge7 8.b4 Ng6 9.a4 a6 10.a5 Ba7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Nbd2 Kh8 13.Bxa7 Rxa7 14.d4 Nf4 15.dxe5 dxe5 16.Nb3 Qf6 17.Re3 Rd8 18.Qf1 Bg4 19.Ne1 Ne7 20.f3 Be6 21.Bxe6 fxe6 Majek,K (2072)-Wesolek,K (1921) Polanica Zdroj op 59th 2023 (2) 1-0]
7...Nf6 8.Bb3N White has an edge.
[8.b4 0-0 9.Re1 Ng4 10.Re2 Ne7 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Ng6 13.h3 Nf6 14.a4 a5 15.b5 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Qb3 Ndf4 18.Re4 Be6 19.Bxe6 Nxe6 20.Ba3 Re8 21.Rae1 Qd7 22.Qe3 Red8 Mihai,E (2189)-Egger,R (2064) corr MT/Stern/pr pr 10 2019 ½-½]
8...a5!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc4 Ba7 13.Be3N
[Predecessor: 13.a4 Rf7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Rxe3 Qd7 16.Nh4 Rd8 17.Ng6 b6 18.Nd2 Qe8 19.Rg3 Achilles,E (2434)-Susedenko,V (2443) GER M/06-B email 2017 ½-½]
13...Bxe3 14.Rxe3 a4 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 d5 17.exd5 exd5 18.Ncd2 Qd6 19.a3 Qf4 0.37/22
[19...Nh5= 0.01/21]
20.Nb1!± Ne4 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Rxc3 Qd6 23.Rac1 Rf7 0.77/21
[23...Rfe8± 0.40/22]
24.R1c2 0.39/23
[24.Qd3± 0.77/21]
24...Rf4 25.Re3 Qf6 26.Rd3 0.18/21
[26.Rc5± 0.71/23]
26...Re8 0.63/21
[26...Re4= 0.18/21 might be stronger.]
27.Rc5 0.27/22
[27.Rc1± 0.63/21]
27...Qd6= 28.Rcc3
[28.Qxa4? Qxc5 29.Qd1 Qd6-+]
28...Rfe4 29.g3
[29.Qxa4? Re1+ 30.Nxe1 Rxe1#]
29...Re2 30.Rd2
[30.Qxa4 is more complex. Rxb2 31.Re3 Re4 32.Qd1]
30...Rxd2 31.Qxd2 Qg6 0.72/23
[31...Qe6= 0.07/24]
32.Kg2 0.13/23
[32.Qd1!± 0.72/23]
32...Qb1! 33.Rc1 Qf5 34.Rc3 Qb1 Inhibits Qd2-d1. **35.h4 Re7 36.Rc1** 0.01/25
[36.Rc2± 0.40/22 was preferrable.]
36...Qf5 37.Qd1 g5 38.hxg5
[38.Qxa4? Rf7 39.Rc3 g4-+]
38...hxg5 39.Qd2
[39.Qxa4? Rf7 40.Qd1 Qe4-+ *(40...g4? 41.Nh2-+)*]
39...g4 White is weak on the light squares **40.Nh4 Qe4+ 41.Kh2?** -1.95/23
[41.Kg1= -0.07/23 and White has nothing to worry.]

41...Qxd4-+
[41...Nxd4 42.Qg5+ Kf7 43.Rc3=]
42.Qg5+ Rg7 43.Qf5 Rf7↑
Skewer. Black has strong initiative.
44.Qg5+ Kf8! 45.Kh1 Qe4+
[45...Rxf2 46.Re1 Qf6 *(46...Rxb2 47.Qf5+)* 47.Qxg4=]
[45...Qxf2 46.Qxg4 Ne7 *(46...Qxb2? 47.Ng6+ Kg7 48.Re1+-)* 47.Qd7∓]
46.Kg1 Ke8! 47.Qd2 -2.23/23
[47.Qg8+∓ -1.50/23 Rf8 48.Qg6+ Qxg6 49.Nxg6]
47...Re7! 48.Rd1 d4 49.Qg5 Ne5
50.Qd2? -3.67/22
[50.Qf4 -1.89/24 Qxf4 51.gxf4]
50...d3 51.Qf4 Qxf4 -1.36/22
[51...Nc4-+ -2.82/22 is more deadly. 52.Qxe4 Remove Defender Rxe4 53.Rxd3 Nxb2]
52.gxf4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **52...Nc4 53.Rxd3 Nxb2 54.Rc3**



Rd7! Hoping for ...Nb2-d3. **55.Kg2** -2.53/21
[55.Ng2∓ -1.34/21]

(Diagram)



55...Nd3! 56.Kg3 c5 Threatens to win with ...b7-b5. **57.Kxg4?** -4.84/21
[57.Ng6 -2.55/22 keeps fighting.]
57...b5!
[57...Nxf2+ 58.Kf3 Nd3 59.Ke3=]
58.Nf5 Kf7 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4!
[58...Nxf2+ 59.Kf3 Nd3 60.Ke3∓]
59.Kg5 Rd5 ...b5-b4! would now be deadly. **60.Rc2 Ne1?** -0.61/25
[60...b4-+ -5.15/21 61.axb4 cxb4]
61.Rc3 -1.16/24
[61.Rc1!∓ -0.61/25 Nd3 62.Rc2]
61...Nd3 0.01/19 Black is more active.
[61...c4∓ -1.16/24 62.Kg4 Rd8]
62.Rc2!= b4 Black is clearly winning.
63.axb4 cxb4 aiming for ...b4-b3.
64.Rc7+ Ke8 65.Kf6 Nf5-g7+ would kill now. **65...Kd8**
[65...Nxf2 66.Ng7+ Kd8 67.Ne6+ Ke8 68.Re7#]
66.Ra7 b3 And now ...b3-b2 would win.
[66...Nxf2 67.Rxa4 Rb5 68.Ra8+ Kc7 69.Nd4 Rb6+ 70.Kf5=]
67.Ne3 Rd6+ 68.Kf5 b2
[68...Nxf2 69.Rxa4 Nd3 70.Ra3∓]
69.Rb7 Rd4
[69...Nxf2 70.Rxb2 Nd3 71.Rd2∓]

70.Nc2 Rxf4+
[70...Nxf2? perishes. 71.Nxd4 Nd3 72.Nc2+-]
71.Kg5 Rxf2
[71...Nxf2? too greedy. 72.Kxf4 Kc8 73.Rb5+- *(73.Rxb2 Nd3+ 74.Ke3 Nxb2=)*]
72.Na3 Rf1
Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/ Black=0.30
0-1

C50
□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2690**
■ **Navara,David 2689**
FIDE World Cup (3.1) 05.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.a4 h6 6.0-0 d6 6...a5 is more advanced technology .6...a5 ist hochmodern. **7.Be3!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **7...Bxe3 8.fxe3** The position is equal. **8...0-0 9.h3N**
[Vorgänger: 9.Nbd2 a5 10.h3 d5 0.63/22 *(10...Ne7= 0.07/18)* 11.exd5± Nxd5 12.Qe1 Be6 13.Ne4 Qe7 14.Nh4 Ndb4? 3.15/23 *(14...Kh8!± 0.69/20)* 15.Bxe6? 1.07/24 *(15.Qg3+- 3.15/23* Black must now prevent Bc4xe6. *Nxc2 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.Rf6 Nxa1 18.Nf5 Qxf5 19.Rxf5)* 15...Qxe6 Anton Guijarro,D (2691)-So,W (2765) Aimchess Play In op rapid 2023 (9) 0-1]
9...Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 d5 12.Nbd2 a5 13.Qb3 Qd6N
[13...b6 14.Rae1 Qd6 15.exd5 Qxd5 16.e4 Qxb3 17.Nxb3 Rad8 18.Re3 Nh5 19.Nbd2 Nf4 20.Ne1 Rd7 21.Kh2 Rfd8 22.Rff3 h5 23.g3 Ng6 24.Nc4 Nb8 25.Nc2 Na6 26.b4 axb4 27.cxb4 Rb8 28.Re1 Praggnanandhaa,R (2707)-Sadhwani, R (2624) World-chT Rapid 2023 (6.9) 1-0]
14.exd5 Qxd5 15.e4
[15.Qxb7 Rfb8 16.Qxc7 Ra7=]
15...Qxb3 16.Nxb3 b6 Wards off Nb3-c5 **17.Kf2 Rad8 18.Rad1**
[18.Ke3 feels hotter. Nh5 19.Rad1 Nf4 20.g3]
18...Rf7 19.Ke3 Nh5 20.Rf2 Nf4 21.h4 Kf8 0.84/23
[21...Nh5± 0.44/23]
22.g3± Nh5 23.Rg1 Ke7 24.Ne1 0.46/24
[24.Rfg2± 0.83/22]
24...Rxf2± 25.Kxf2 Nb8 0.90/25
[25...Nf6± 0.45/25]
26.Ke3 Nd7 1.35/24
[⌓26...Nc6 0.93/24]
27.Nf3 0.87/23
[⌓27.Nd2 1.35/24]
27...Nhf6 28.g4! Ne8 29.h5 0.97/20
[⌓29.Nbd2 1.49/24]
29...Nd6± 30.Nbd2
[30.g5 Nf7±]
30...Rg8 31.Nh4! Nf8 32.Nhf3 -0.01/23
[White should try 32.Ndf3!± 1.35/22]
32...Nd7= 33.Nh4 -0.01/21
[33.g5± 0.89/24 g5xh6 is the strong threat. hxg5 34.b4 *(34.Nxg5 Rh8±; 34.Rxg5 Nf7±)*]
33...Nf8! 34.Rf1 0.65/27
[34.Ndf3!± 1.37/25]
34...g5 35.hxg6 Nxg6 36.Nhf3 Rh8 37.Rh1 Kf6 1.18/25
[37...Nf7± 0.67/25]
38.Rh5 0.70/25
[38.Rxh6± 1.18/25 Rxh6 *(38...Nc4+? 39.Nxc4 Rxh6 40.g5+ Kg7 41.gxh6++-)* 39.g5+ Kg7 40.gxh6+ Kxh6 41.d4]
38...Nf7± 39.Nc4 Rd8 40.Rh2 White is more active. **40...Ng5** 2.14/26
[Better is 40...Ke7± 0.68/24]

(Diagram)

41.Nfxe5!+- Nxe5 42.Rf2+ Nef3

(Diagram)

43.Nd2! Rg8 44.Nxf3 Nxf3 45.Rxf3+ Endgame. KR-KR **45...Kg5 46.Rf7?** 0.29/24

[46.Rf4+- 2.27/24]

46...c5? 2.24/26

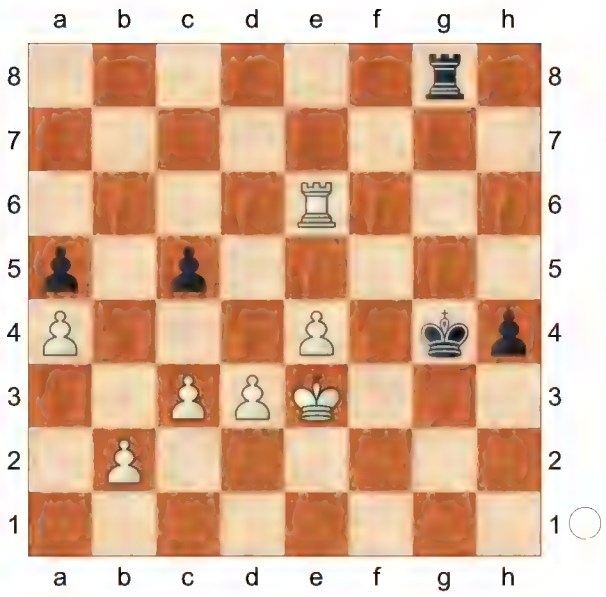
[46...Kxg4= 0.29/24 and Black has nothing to worry. 47.Rxc7 h5]

47.Rb7 Kxg4 48.Rxb6 h5 49.Rxe6 h4

(Diagram)

50.Rh6! Threatens to win with d3-d4.

50...h3? 4.12/25



[50...Rb8 2.27/26 51.e5 *(51.Rg6+ Kh5=)* 51...Kg5]

51.e5 Rb8 52.Ke4

[52.e6 Kg3 53.Ke4 *(53.Rg6+ Kh4+-)* 53...Rb7]

52...Rxb2 53.e6 Re2+ 54.Kd5 Re3 55.d4 Rxc3 10.32/26

[⌓55...Kg5 5.07/24 56.Rh8 Kf5 57.Kxc5 Rxe6 58.Rxh3 Re4]

56.dxc5 Rd3+ 57.Kc4 Re3 58.c6 And now c6-c7 would win. **58...Kg5**

59.c7 Intending Rh6-h8 and mate.

59...Re1 60.Rxh3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.38

[Inferior is 60.c8R Kxh6 61.Rh8+ Kg7 62.Rxh3 Kf6=]

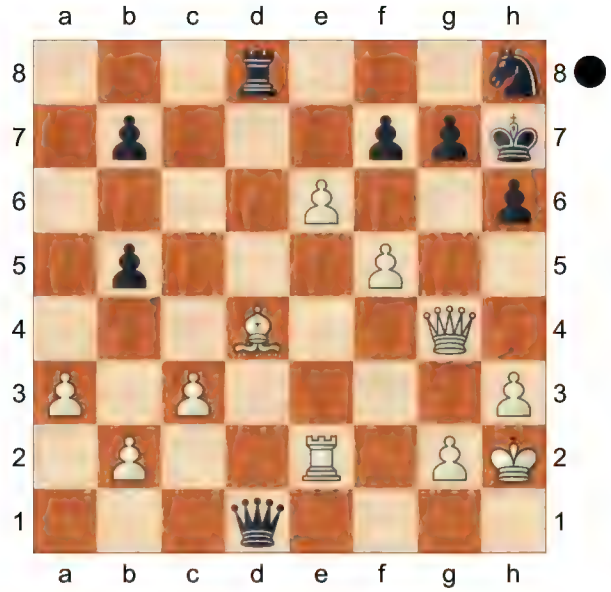
1-0

C50
□ **Fedoseev,Vladimir1** **2680**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2738**
ChessKid Cup Div 2 W rapid (5.5)
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 h6 6.h3 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
8...Be6 Hoping for ...Be6xc4. **9.Bb5N**
[9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.0-0 0-0 *(10...Qd7 11.c3 g5 12.Nh2 0-0-0 13.b4 Qg7 14.Ng4 h5 15.Nxf6 Qxf6 16.Nxb6+ axb6 17.g3 Rdf8 18.Kg2 g4 19.h4 Qf3+ 20.Qxf3 Rxf3 21.Rd1 d5 22.Be3 d4 23.cxd4 exd4 24.Bf4 e5 25.Bg5* Praggnanandhaa,R (2727)-Grischuk,A (2732) Tata Steel India blitz 2023 (15) 0-1*)* 11.b4 Qe8 12.c3 *(12.c4 Nd4 13.Nxb6 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 axb6 15.Qe2 Qg6 16.Ra2 Nh5 17.Qg4 Kh7 18.Qxg6+ Kxg6 19.a4 Nf6 20.Be3 Nd7 21.Rfa1 Nb8 22.a5 bxa5 23.Rxa5 Rxa5 24.Rxa5 Na6 25.b5 Nb4 26.Ra3 c5* Panov Botvinnik Attack (2792)-Deslandes,P (2820) Biel MTO op 2005 (2) 1-0*)* 12...Kh8 13.Ra2 Qf7 14.Re1 Rad8 15.Nxb6 axb6 16.a4 Ne7 17.a5 Ra8 18.Qb3 bxa5 19.Rxa5 Ng6 20.d4 Nd7 21.Be3 b6 22.Ra2 Rxa2 23.Qxa2 exd4 Alster (2521)-Mokriak,L (2584) EUCup G3 Slough 1997 (1.3) 0-1]
9...0-0 The position is equal. **10.c3** -0.85/22
[10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.0-0 Nh7 13.Nh2 -0.55/20 *(13.d4=* -0.10/21 *)* 13...f5∓ 14.f3 -1.23/21 Gasper,J (1919)-Georg,H (2153) Unna op 2016 (5) 0-1 *(14.exf5!∓* -0.50/19 *Rxf5 15.d4)* 14...f4∓ 15.Kh1 Rf6 -0.79/21 *(*Black should try *15...c5* -1.42/21 *16.Bd2 Qd7)* 16.Rg1 -1.28/19 *(⌓16.d4* -0.79/21 *)*]
[10.0-0= 0.18/21]

10...Ne7 0.01/22
[10...Bxf2+!∓ -0.85/22 11.Kxf2 Ne7]
11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Ba4 Ng6 13.0-0N d5 14.Bc2 b5 15.d4 Nxe4 16.dxe5 c6 0.67/21
[16...Re8= -0.06/21]
17.Qe2 -0.06/21
[17.Nd4± 0.67/21 Nxe5 18.f3]
17...Re8= 18.Re1 Qc7 1.06/22
[18...Bd7= -0.04/21]
19.Nd4± Bd7
[19...Nxe5? 20.f3+-]
20.f3 Nc5 21.f4 Ne4 22.Bxe4 0.80/21
[⌓22.Be3 1.19/20]
22...dxe4 23.Qxe4 0.46/21
[23.Be3± 0.92/20]
23...c5± 24.Nf5 Bxf5 1.21/20
[Better is 24...Ra4!± 0.48/19 25.Qc2 Nxf4 26.Bxf4 Rxf4]
25.Qxf5± Rad8 1.70/20
[25...b4± 0.83/21]

26.Be3 1.33/20
[26.Qe4+- 1.70/20]
26...Qc6 1.70/22
[26...b4± 1.33/20 27.axb4 *(27.cxb4 cxb4 28.Rec1 Qe7±)* 27...cxb4]
27.Rad1+- Rd5 2.08/22
[27...b4± 1.33/21 was worth a try.]
28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.Qg4 Rd8 2.43/22
[⌓29...b4 1.79/22 30.cxb4 *(30.axb4 cxb4 31.cxb4 Qd3+-)* 30...cxb4 31.axb4 Nf8]
30.Kh2 1.42/22
[30.Bf2+- 2.43/22]
30...Qd3? 3.46/25 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[30...Qe4± 1.42/22 was necessary. 31.g3 *(31.Bxc5? loses. Qxe1 32.Bd4 Qe4-+)* 31...b4]
31.Bxc5 Kh7? 7.21/21
[31...Qd2 3.82/22 32.Re4 h5]
32.f5 Nh8 33.Bd4 Qc2 34.Re2 Qd1 35.e6



f6 36.Qe4 Re8 37.Rf2 Kg8 38.Qxb7 Qe1 39.Qxb5 Rf8 40.Qd7 Kh7 41.Rf3
White threatens Rf3-g3 and mate.
Vorgänger: **41...Qe2 42.Rg3 Rg8 43.Bxf6 Qe4**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.50
1-0

C50

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2734**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2729**
Duesseldorf WR Masters_873 (7)
[Duda, Jan K, MH]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 Duda,Jan Krzysztof **1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3** An interesting line. Black is at a crossword: he can either play 4... ♗c5, where positions are likely to become razor-sharp, but with huge drawing odds, or more toned-down 4...d5 where often it's just a game. I prepared this line as white, for the last round of Candidates 2022 in Madrid, where Ian Nepomniachtchi went for the latter
Eine interessante Variante. Schwarz steht vor einem Kreuzworträtsel: Er kann entweder 4...Lc5 spielen, wonnach die Stellungen wahrscheinlich messerscharf werden, aber mit riesiges Remiswahrscheinlichkeit, oder das abgeschwächte 4...d5, wo es oft einfach eine Partie ist. Ich habe diese Variante als Weißer für die letzte Runde des Kandidatenturniers 2022 in Madrid vorbereitet, wo sich Ian Nepomniachtchi für die letztere Variante entschied
4...Bc5 5.Nc3 a6
[5...h6 6.0-0 d6 7.Na4 Bb6 8.a3 0-0 9.c3 Ne7 10.Re1 Ng6 11.h3 Re8 *(11...Bxf2+!? 12.Kxf2 Bd7±)* 12.Bb3 Ba5 13.Bc2! c6 *(13...b5!? 14.b4□ Bb6 15.Nxb6 axb6=)* 14.b4 Bc7 15.c4 d5 16.exd5 cxd5]
6.0-0 d6 7.a4 0-0 8.Be3 Bxe3
The position looks like as if being played in some romantic game, but needless to say it's just a tip of modern theory
Die Position sieht aus wie in irgendeiner romantischen Partie, aber es ist natürlich nur eine Spitze der modernen Theorie **9.fxe3 Be6 10.Nd2**
The starting position Die Ausgangslage
[10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Ne7 12.e4 a5 13.c3 Ng6 14.g3 -0.32/19 *(14.Qe1= 0.05/18)* 14...Qc8 15.b4 h5 0.48/21 *(15...c6= -0.08/18)* 16.Nd2 -0.17/19 *(16.b5± 0.48/21)*]
10...Nb4N and a huge novelty made after 24 minutes-long thought :) It's hardly relevant that this very position was already being played 2 times, but from a different move order. Jokes aside, the position is very unusual and I think some explanations come in handy: -first of all, it's the line I'd looked at for at least 20 times in my life, but never really expected it to happen. As often is the case, it came in the moment where I remembered least. The fact that in the 1st game of the tournament I had mixed up the lines against Wesley So, and was dead-lost after 13 moves, wasn't boosting up my confidence either. Also I wasn't quite sure about move-orders, and if there is any difference between them. -secondly I was just choosing the line I wanted to play.
Getting to the position: basically Black has a twofold choice he can apply. 10... ♔h7 and 11... ♖e8 is the set-up I knew to be fine, but not the other way around, where I would have been a toast. The other option is playing ♘c6-d6 or vice-versa (which I had to make sure of, during a game), where there were contours of an endgame somewhere, I was preparing against Nepo, but not so sure how to get there... The moral is simple: you don't play lines like 4... ♗c5 without fully remembering them, and if you feel like gambling, then do it elsewhere, not in classical chess against

an armed to the teeth opponent... und ein großes Novum nach 24 Minuten Bedenkzeit :) Es ist kaum relevant, dass genau diese Stellung schon 2 Mal gespielt wurde, aber in einer anderen Zugfolge. Spaß beiseite, die Stellung ist sehr ungewöhnlich, und ich denke, dass einige Erklärungen nützlich sind:
Erstens ist es die Stellung, die ich mir mindestens 20 Mal in meinem Leben angesehen habe, aber nie wirklich erwartet habe, dass sie passiert. Wie so oft geschah es in dem Moment, in dem ich mich am wenigsten erinnerte. Die Tatsache, dass ich in der 1. Partie des Turniers gegen Wesley So die Varianten verwechselt hatte und nach 13 Zügen auf verlorenem Posten stand, trug auch nicht gerade zu meiner Zuversicht bei. Außerdem war ich mir über die Zugfolgen nicht ganz sicher, und ob es da überhaupt einen Unterschied gibt. -Zweitens habe ich einfach die Variante gewählt, die ich spielen wollte.
Zur Stellung: Grundsätzlich hat Schwarz zwei Möglichkeiten, die er anwenden kann. 10...Kh7 und 11...Te8 ist der Aufbau, von dem ich wusste, dass er gut ist, aber nicht andersherum, wonach ich Toast gewesen wäre. Die andere Option ist Sc6-d6 oder umgekehrt (wovon ich mich während einer Partie überzeugen musste), wo es irgendwo Umrisse eines Endspiels gab, das ich gegen Nepo vorbereitete, aber nicht so sicher war, wie man dorthin kommt... Die Moral ist einfach: man spielt Linien wie 4...Lc5 nicht, ohne sie vollständig im Gedächtnis zu behalten, und wenn man Lust zum Spielen hat, dann sollte man das woanders tun, nicht im klassischen Schach gegen einen bis an die Zähne bewaffneten Gegner...

11.a5N It must have been a very bizzare moment for the viewers, when 9 moves were quickly made by both of us, and now it was my opponent's turn to spend 23 minutes. But the reasoning is simple: it must have been that he was aware of the endgame from 10... ♘c6 move order, and was just choosing between the text and 11.e6 which are (almost) equivalent. From now on, we were both going for an endgame, although not quite in lightening speed as beforeEs muss ein sehr bizarrer Moment für die Zuschauer gewesen sein, als 9 Züge von uns beiden schnell gemacht wurden, und nun war mein Gegner an der Reihe, 23 Minuten zu verbraucheb. Aber die Begründung ist einfach: Es muss so gewesen sein, dass er sich des Endspiels aus der Zugfolge 10...Sc6 bewusst war und einfach zwischen dem Text und 11.e6 wählte, die (fast) gleichwertig sind. Von nun an strebten wir beide ein Endspiel an, wenn auch nicht mehr ganz so blitzschnell wie zuvor

[11.h3 c6 *(11...Qe7 12.Rf2 Rad8 13.a5 c5 14.b3 Kh8 15.Nf3 Nc6 16.Qd2 h6 17.Ne2 Rde8 18.Ng3 Qd8 19.Qc3 Kg8 20.Nd2 g6 21.Nf3 Nh7 22.Kh2 Ng5 23.Bd5 Nb4 24.Bc4 Nc6 25.Bd5 Qc7 26.Qd2* Areshchenko,A (2632)-Svane,R (2615) Bundesliga 2223 2022 (15.2) ½-½ *)* 12.a5 Rb8 13.Rf2 h6 14.Ra4 c5 15.Bb3 Chapter 6-Bonus Option against 5...a6 2023]

11...d5 I actually paused for a while, thinking and rethinking that 11...c6 was a valid move here, probably covered somewhere in my files. In the end I decided to stick to initial planIch hielt tatsächlich eine Weile inne und dachte

darüber nach, dass 11...c6 hier ein gültiger Zug war, der wahrscheinlich irgendwo in meinen Unterlagen abgedeckt war. Am Ende entschied ich mich, beim ursprünglichen Plan zu bleiben **12.exd5** tr tr **12...Nfxd5** **13.Bxd5** -0.22/22

[13.Nxd5± 0.37/22 Bxd5 14.e4 Bxc4 15.Nxc4]

13...Nxd5□= 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 tr tr **15.e4**

[15.Qg4 is interesting. Qe7 16.Rf2 Rad8 17.Ne4]

15...Be6N The whole 12.e6 sequence hadn't been played OTB, but only this move is the real novelty. There was a correspondence game, where black opted for Die gesamte 12.e6-Folge war im Nahschach noch nicht gespielt worden, aber erst dieser Zug ist eine echte Neuheit. Es gab eine Fernpartie, in der sich Schwarz für **16.Kh1 f6 17.b3 Qe7 18.Qe2 Qc5** So here is the endgame that was so much speech about. The knights on a8 and h1 respectively are kind of lost, but the big question is if White can grab a pawn in the meantime. I spent some time on this natural move, wondering if the ♔ can ever be harrased here. On the other hand playing 18... ♔h7, while not losing is indeed very weirdHier ist also das Endspiel, über das so viel gesprochen wurde. Die Springer auf a8 bzw. h1 sind irgendwie verloren, aber die große Frage ist, ob Weiß in der Zwischenzeit einen Bauern schnappen kann. Ich habe einige Zeit über diesem natürlichen Zug verbracht und mich gefragt, ob der König hier jemals bedrängt werden kann. Andererseits ist 18...Kh7 zwar nicht verloren, aber doch sehr seltsam. **19.Nc4 Rad8 20.Ne3** A funky move order Eine ausgefallene Zugfolge. **20...Rd7 21.Qd2!?** A decent confusing attempt. I was aware only of 21.0-0-0, and at first I thought I might have misplayed it earlier on, as having king in the centre looked beneficial for my opponent at first glance.Ein anständig verwirrender Versuch. Ich kannte nur 21. 0-0-0, und zuerst dachte ich, ich hätte es vorhin falsch gespielt, da der König im Zentrum auf den ersten Blick vorteilhaft für meinen Gegner aussah. **21...Qd4** Threatens to win with ... Qd4xe4. The move that popped first into my head, but I only made it after prolonged thought. A very nice variation was shown by Nodirbek after the game: Der Zug, der mir zuerst in den Sinn kam, aber ich habe ihn erst nach längerem Nachdenken gemacht. Eine sehr schöne Variante wurde von Nodirbek nach der Partie gezeigt: **22.Ra4 Qc5 23.Rf3** The only tryDer einzige Versuch **23...Rfd8** Played quickly and ok, but there were alternatives:Schnell gespielt und ok, aber es gab Alternativen: **24.Ra1** Keeping the bishop locked in was dangerous, as the following variation demonstrades:Es war gefährlich, den Läufer einzuschließen, wie die folgende Variante beweist: **24...Rd4 25.Qe1 R4d7 26.Rd1 b5 27.Qh4 Qe7!=** The last important move. Black imprisons his own rook, but at the same time the bishop is stuck to the a3-square, plus White's rook can never abandon the 1st rank. There is no way the king can catch the rook on a2, so it's sort of a fortress Der letzte wichtige Zug. Schwarz sperrt seinen eigenen Turm ein, aber gleichzeitig klebt der Läufer auf dem Feld a3 fest, und der weiße Turm kann die erste Reihe nie verlassen. Es gibt keine Möglichkeit für den König, den

Turm auf a2 zu fangen, also ist es eine Art Festung. **28.Rdf1 c5 29.c4 bxc4 30.bxc4 Rd4 31.Qg3 Kh8 32.Nd5 Bxd5 33.exd5 Rb8** Dodges Rf1-b1 There is no way White can make a progress. My opponent tried for a while, but it eventually all petered out Es gibt keine Möglichkeit für Weiß, einen Fortschritt zu erzielen. Mein Gegner hat es eine Zeit lang versucht, aber am Ende ist alles verpufft **34.Re3 Rb3** 0.63/23

[34...Qc7= -0.01/21]

35.h3 0.01/23

[35.Kg1± 0.63/23]

35...h6 0.68/23

[35...Qd8= 0.01/23]

36.Qg6± Rb7

[36...Rxc4? 37.d6 *(37.Rxe5 Qxe5 38.dxc4 Rc3=)* 37...Qxd6 38.Rg3+-]

37.Rg3 Rf4 38.Rxf4 -0.01/24

[38.Rd1± 0.52/22]

38...exf4 Endgame. KQR-KQR **39.Rf3 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Rb1 41.Rxf4** aiming for Rf4-e4. **41...Qh1+ 42.Kg3 Qe1+ 43.Kh2** And now Rf4-e4 would win. **43...Qh1+** no-brainer rein Kinderspiel **44.Kg3⇄** White is not holding back **44...Qe1+ 45.Kg4** Rf4-e4 is the strong threat. **45...Rb2! 46.Qe4**

[46.Kh5!? Qe5+□ 47.Rf5= *(47.Qf5 Qe8+ 48.Qg6 Qe5+ 49.Rf5 Qd4=)*]

46...Re2 47.Qf3 Strongly threatening Rf4-e4. **47...Re3 48.Qf2** Qf2xe1 would now be deadly.

[48.Re4!? f5+□ 49.Kh5 *(49.Kxf5? Rxf3+ 50.gxf3 Qd1-+; 49.Qxf5 Qg3+ 50.Kh5 Rxe4=)* 49...fxe4 50.Qf8+ Kh7 51.Qf5+ Kh8 52.Qf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ Kh8 54.Qf8+=]

48...Qd1+ 49.Rf3 I think it was quite interesting and well-played game overall Ich denke, es war insgesamt eine recht interessante und gut gespielte Partie. **49...Rxd3** 0.42/27

[49...Re2∓ -0.35/26 50.Qf1 Qd2]

50.Qxc5 Hoping for Qc5-c8+. **50...h5+?** 2.75/26

51.Kf5!+- White wants to mate with Kf5-g6.

[51.Kxh5 Kh7 52.Qf2 Rd2-+]

51...Rxf3+? 10.70/25

[51...Qe2 2.46/22 52.d6 *(52.Rxd3 Qe5+ 53.Kg6 Qe8+ 54.Kf5 Qe5+ 55.Kg6 Qe8+ 56.Kf5 Qe5+=)* 52...Rd1]

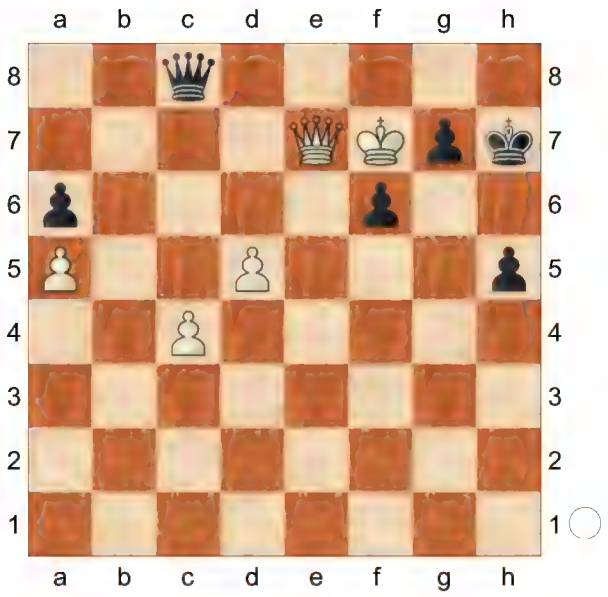
52.gxf3 Qxf3+ KQ-KQ **53.Ke6 Qxh3+** even this is a draw, but why to give up the exchange ?selbst das ist ein Unentschieden, aber warum sollte man die Qualität aufgeben? **54.Kf7 Kh7 55.Qe7?** 1.64/20

[55.Qc6 10.39/22]

55...Qc8

(Diagram)

this is very unpleasant for Black dies ist sehr unangenehm für Schwarz **56.Qe4+** 0.30/23 was a better attempt. Here from afar I planned to play



war ein besserer Versuch. Aus der Ferne plante ich hier
[56.Qd6!+- 1.74/23]
56...f5??= where I missedwobei ich **57.Qe6±** Intending Qe6-g6+ and mate. not trading rooksübersah, was den Turmtausch vermeidet. but what's worse, what I assumed to be an easy-to-draw position appears to be lost! 3 vs 1 on the queenside are indeed trivial draw, but the additional pawns on the kingside make it hopeless. Here is a random engine line, to show how to win it with white: Aber was noch schlimmer ist: Was ich für eine leicht zu remisierende Stellung hielt, scheint verloren zu sein! 3 gegen 1 am Damenflügel sind in der Tat ein triviales Remis, aber die zusätzlichen Bauern am Königsflügel machen es hoffnungslos. Hier ist eine zufällige Variante, um zu zeigen, wie man mit Weiß gewinnen kann:
57...Qg8+! 2.47/5
[57...Qb7+!= 0.01/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 58.Kf8 *(58.Ke8 Qb8+ 59.Kd7 Qb7+ 60.Kd6 f4=)* 58...Qb8+ 59.Ke7 *(59.Qe8 Qd6+ 60.Qe7 Qxe7+ 61.Kxe7 h4=)* 59...Qb7+ 60.Kd8 Qb8+ 61.Kd7 Qb7+ 62.Kd6 f4]
58.Ke7+- Qxe6+ 59.dxe6 Threatening mate with Ke7-f7. KP-KP
[59.Kxe6 h4 *(59...f4 60.d6=)* 60.c5 *(60.Kxf5 h3∓)* 60...h3∓]
59...f4 60.c5? 0.01/25
[Better is 60.Kd6+- 5.70/26 e6-e7 would kill now. f3 *(60...Kg6 61.e7 Kf7 62.Kd7 Kf6 63.e8Q g6 64.c5 f3 65.c6)* 61.e7]
60...f3= The position is equal. **61.c6 f2 62.c7 f1Q 63.c8Q h4 64.Qc2+ Kg8 65.Qc3** Active counter play! **65...h3 66.Qg3 Qg2 67.Qb8+** -0.47/5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.23 (precise)
[67.Qf4= -0.01/25 might be stronger.]
½-½

C50
□ **Robson,Ray** **2702**
■ **Shankland,Samuel L** **2710**
American Cup Elim rapid (1.3) 19.03.23
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.a4 h6 8.Be3! The position is equal.is recently more successful than 8.h3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.h3.
8...0-0
[8...Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.d4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Qd7 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Qd3 0-0 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Rad1 Rf7 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Rxd4 Nd7 18.a5 Ne5 19.Ne2 g5 20.Nc1 Nc6 21.Ra4 Ne5 22.Nd3 Nxd3 23.cxd3 Ronneland,D (2684)-Grube,J (2764) 65/272 Ljubljana 1995 (5) ½-½]
9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.h3
[10.Nd5 Qd6 11.Ne3 g6 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Nc4 Qxd5 15.Ncxe5 b6 16.Qd2 Nf5 17.Rfe1 Kg7 18.Ng4 Qd6 19.Ne3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nc4 Qf6 22.Qb4 Bb7 23.Qe7 Qc6 24.Qe5+ f6 Gorgs,A (2319)-Gottwald,B (2408) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (2.1) ½-½]
10...Qd6 11.Nd2N
[11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Bxd5 Ne7 13.Bb3 Ng6 14.Nd2 Qf6 15.Kh2 Nf4 16.Qf3 Qg5 17.Qg3 Qe7 18.Qe3 b6 19.Nf3 Rd8 20.Rad1 Qf6 21.Ng1 Be6 22.Bxe6 Nxe6 23.g3 b5 24.a5 Rd7 25.c3 Rad8 Cornette,M (2572)-Anton Guijarro,D (2655) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (7.6) 0-1]
11...b6N
[Predecessor: 11...Re8 12.Ne2 -0.01/20 *(12.Nd5± 0.41/21* was preferrable.*)* 12...Rb8 13.a5 Be6 0.64/21 *(13...Nh5= 0.03/21)* 14.Bxe6 Qxe6 15.b3 -0.08/21 *(15.f4± 0.42/21)* 15...Nh5!= 16.Nc4 Nf4! 17.Kh2 Rbd8 1-0 (59) Demchenko,A (2640)-Tabatabaei,M (2664) Chess.com INT 2022]
12.Nd5 Rb8 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qf3 -0.56/20
[14.Qh5= 0.07/20]
14...Qxf3 0.13/23
[14...Nd4!∓ -0.56/20 15.Qd1 *(15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.Bb3 Be6∓)* 15...b5]
15.Nxf3= Re8 16.c3 Na5 17.Bd5 Be6 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.b4 cxb4 20.cxb4 Nc6 21.b5 Nb4 22.Rfc1 Rb7 23.Ra3 f6 24.Kf1 a5 25.Ke2 c6 26.bxc6 Rc7 27.Nd2 Kf8 28.g3 Ke7 29.f4 exf4
[29...Nxc6 30.Rac3±]
[29...Rexc6 simplifies 30.Rxc6 Nxc6 31.Nc4 Rb7]
30.gxf4 g5
[30...Nxc6?! 31.Ke3 Kd7 32.Rac3+-]
31.f5 Rexc6 32.Rxc6 Rxc6 Endgame. KRN-KRN **33.Nc4 h5 34.Ra1 Rc5 35.Kd2 Kd8 36.Rb1**
[36.Nxb6? Rc2+ 37.Kd1 *(37.Ke3? Rc6-+)* 37...g4 38.hxg4 hxg4-+]
36...Kc7 37.Rb2 Kc6! 38.Rb3 h4 1.72/23
[38...Kc7± 0.51/23]
39.Rb2 0.67/22
[White should try 39.Ne3+- 1.72/23 And now d3-d4 would win. Kd6 *(39...b5 40.d4±)* 40.d4]
39...Kc7± 40.Rb1 Kd8 41.Rb3 0.44/24
[But not 41.Nxb6?! Rc2+ 42.Ke3 Rh2=]
[41.Ne3± 0.90/24]
41...Ke7! 42.Rc3 0.13/24

[Of course not 42.Nxb6?! Rc2+ 43.Kd1 Rg2∓]
[Better is 42.Ne3!± 1.13/24]

42...Rc6 1.30/23
[42...Nc6!= 0.13/24]

43.Ne3!± Rd6 44.Ng4 Na6? 2.94/24
[44...Kf7± 1.31/22 was called for. 45.Nf2 Ke8 46.Rc8+ Kd7]
45.Ke3+- Nc5 46.Ra3 1.24/27
[46.d4+- 2.83/24 Nxa4 47.Rc7+ Kd8 48.Rg7 *(48.Rf7 Nb2±)*]
46...Rc6 47.d4 Nd7

48.e5 0.66/22
[48.Rd3!± 1.11/24]
48...Rc4? 6.05/21
[48...fxe5± 0.66/22 49.dxe5 Rc5]
49.Kd3 Rb4 50.e6 White is clearly winning. **50...Nb8 51.Rc3** Repels Nb8-c6 **51...Na6** Inhibits Rc3-c7+. **52.Rc8 Rxa4 53.Rh8 b5 54.Rh7+ Kd6 55.Rd7+ Kc6 56.d5+ Kb6 57.Rd6+ Kb7**

58.Rxa6! Promotion.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.35
1-0

C50
□ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2661**
■ **Martirosyan,Haik M** **2675**
Astana Satty Zhuldyz Blitz (14) 25.04.23
[Kitty Kat]

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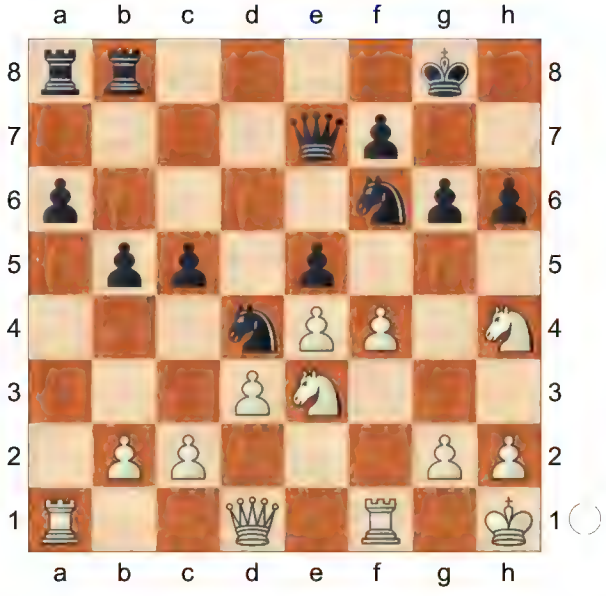
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 d6 7.a4 h6 8.Be3! The position is equal.now scores much better than the old 8.h3.punktet besser als das ältere 8.h3. **8...0-0 9.Bxc5 dxc5 10.Nd5**
[10.h3 Qd6 11.Nd2 b6 12.Nd5 Rb8 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qf3 Qxf3 15.Nxf3 Re8 16.c3 Na5 17.Bd5 Be6 18.Bxe6 Rxe6 19.b4 cxb4 20.cxb4 Nc6 21.b5 Nb4 22.Rfc1 Rb7 23.Ra3 f6 24.Kf1 a5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.e5/ 6...f5 (2702)-Sybil (2710) 2009 (1.3) 1-0]
10...Be6
[10...Qd6 11.Ne3 g6 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Nc4 Qxd5 15.Ncxe5 b6 16.Qd2 Nf5 17.Rfe1 Kg7 18.Ng4 Qd6 19.Ne3 Nd4 20.Nxd4 cxd4 21.Nc4 Qf6 22.Qb4 Bb7 23.Qe7 Qc6 24.Qe5+ f6 25.Qg3 Gorgs,A (2319)-Gottwald,B (2408) FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute 2010 (2.1) ½-½]
[10...Rb8 11.a5 Bg4 12.Ne3 Bh5 13.h3 Ne8 14.Bd5 Nd4 15.g4 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Bg6 17.Qg3 Qd6 18.Nc4 Qe7 19.Nxe5 Bh7 20.f4 Nd6 21.f5 Kh8 22.Nf3 c6 23.Ba2 c4 24.e5 Nb5 25.Bxc4 Sindarov,J (2639)-Harutyunian,T (2426) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (4) 1-0]
11.Ne3 Bxc4N
[11...b6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.c3 Qe7 14.Nc4 Nd7 15.g3 Rf6 16.h3 Raf8 17.Nh2 Rg6 ½-½ (28) Sindarov,J (2651)-Martirosyan,H (2666) Tashkent 2022]
[Predecessor: 11...Re8 12.Nd2 Bxc4 13.Ndxc4 b5 14.Nd2 Nd4 15.b3 0.00/22 *(15.c3± 0.40/19 Ne6 16.Qc2)* 15...c6 16.Nf3 g6 17.g3 Kg7 18.Nxd4 cxd4 1-0 (81) Abdusattorov,N (2688)-Niemann,H (2688) Chess.com INT 2022]
12.Nxc4 Qe7N
[12...Re8 13.Ne3 b6 B3-N,N Lifetime Repertoires: Jan Gustafsson's]
13.a5 Rfb8 0.62/20
[13...Qe6= 0.21/19 might be stronger.]
14.Kh1 0.14/20
[14.Nh4!± 0.62/20]
14...b5= 15.axb6 cxb6 16.Ne3 b5 17.Nh4 g6 0.65/20
[17...Qc7= 0.26/19 is more appropriate.]
18.f4± Nd4 2.03/21
[18...Rb6± 0.55/19]



Prevents Qd1-f3 **19.fxe5!+- Nd7 20.c3?** 0.06/21

[20.Nf3+- 2.16/20]
20...Qxh4= 21.cxd4 cxd4 22.Ng4
Strongly threatening Qd1-b3! **22...h5?**
5.68/24
[22...Kg7!= 0.01/22]
23.Nh6++- Kg7 24.Rxf7+ Kxh6
25.Qd2+
[25.Rxd7 Qg5 26.Qc1 *(26.Rxd4 Qxe5 27.Rd7 Qf4±)* 26...Qxc1+ 27.Rxc1 Re8±]
25...g5 26.Rxd7

Threatening mate with Qd2-b4! **26...Rf8**
27.Qb4 Qb4-d6+ would kill now.
27...Rg8 28.Qe7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.82
1-0

C50

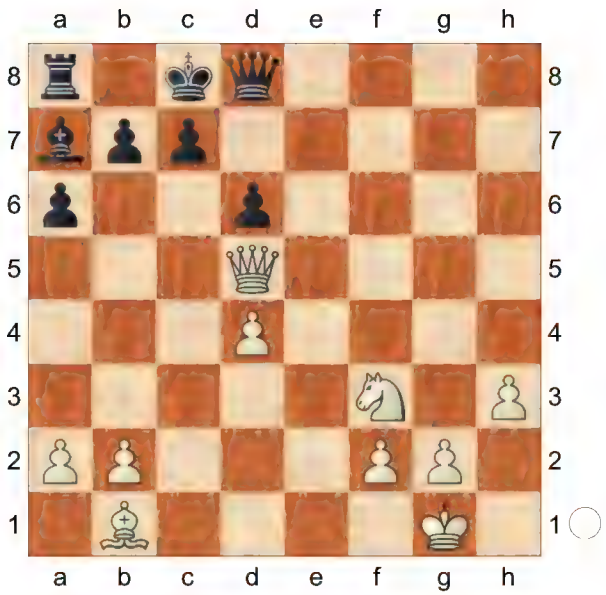
□ **Safarli,Eltaj** **2612**
■ **Niemann,Hans Moke** **2667**
AI Cup Div 2 L rapid (1.2) 26.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 d6 10.d4 exd4 Nowadays more popular than 10...Ba7. Heutzutage beliebter als 10...La7. **11.cxd4 Ba7 12.Rc1 0-0** The position is equal. **13.h3** Wards off Bc8-g4 **13...Re8 14.0-0 Rxe4 15.Bd3 Re8** next ...Bc8-e6! is good for Black. **16.Bb1 g6 17.Qd2! Kg7 18.Rfe1 Rxe1+N** 0.35/23
[18...Be6= -0.01/22 deserves consideration. 19.Nf4 Bd7 20.Rxe8 Qxe8 21.Nd5 Rc8 22.Re1 Qd8 23.g4 Be6 24.Nf4 Bd7 25.Bxg6 fxg6 26.Re6 Be8 27.d5 Ne7 28.Nh5+ Kh7 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Qc3 Kf7 31.Re4 c6 32.Rf4 cxd5 33.Nh7+ Nf5 34.Qd2 Kg7 Juan Lepp,J (2485)-Rossmann,E (2490) corr ESP/MG1/A (ESP) 2015 1-0]
19.Rxe1± Bd7 20.Qf4 White is much more active. **20...Be6N** 2.63/23
[Vorgänger: 20...f5 0.84/22 20...Ra8-c8 0.01 21.h4 Rc8 1.38/22 *(21...Qf8!± 0.69/22)* 22.g4 -0.01/25 *(*White should try *22.Bc2!± 1.38/22)* 22...fxg4= White must now prevent ... Qd8-f8! 23.Re7+! Qxe7 24.Nxe7 Nxe7 25.Qe4 -0.77/20 *(25.Nh2= 0.01/23 h5 26.Nf1)* 25...Re8∓ 26.Qxb7 ½-½ Geirnaert,S (2289)-Azarov,S (2530) Wch U20 Nakhchivan 2003 (1)]
[20...Rb8± 0.38/22]

21.Rxe6!+- fxe6

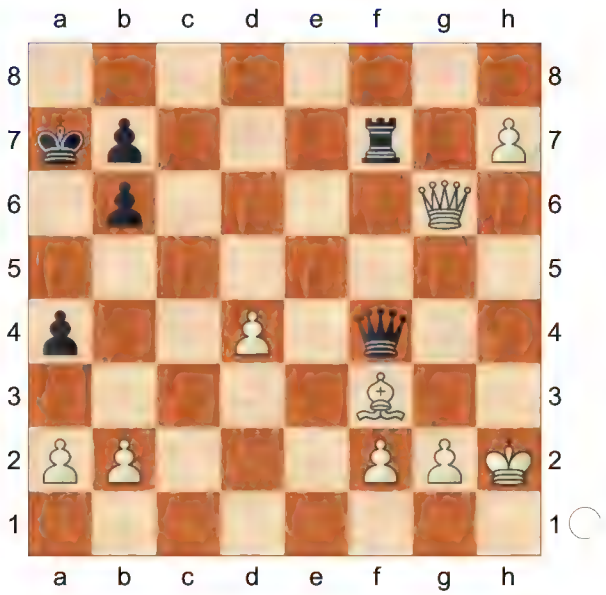
22.Qg4! Ne7 23.Qxe6
[23.Nxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxg6+ *(24.Bxg6 Qf6∓)* 24...Kf8±]
23...Nxd5 24.Qxg6+ Kf8 ...Qd8-f6 would now be deadly. **25.Qxh6+ Ke8 26.Qh5+→** White is out for blood. **26...Kd7** 3.31/22
[⌓26...Ke7 1.85/21]
27.Qxd5 Kc8

(Diagram)



Black is weak on the light squares
28.Ne5 Intending Bb1-f5+ and mate.
Back Rank **28...Bb6**
[28...c6 29.Nxc6]
29.Be4 Ra7 8.59/26
[29...c6 3.12/22 30.Nxc6 Demolition bxc6 31.Qxc6+ Qc7 32.Qxa8+ Kd7 33.Bf5+ *(33.Qxa6 Qc1+ 34.Qf1 Qxb2+-)* 33...Ke7 34.Qe4+ *(34.Qxa6 Qc1+ 35.Qf1 Qxb2+-)* 34...Kf8]
30.Bf5+ Kb8 31.Nd7+ Ka8

32.h4! Threatens to win with h4-h5.
32...a5 33.h5 a4 34.Nxb6+ cxb6
Endgame. KQR-KQB **35.Be4**
Hoping for h5-h6. **35...Qc8 36.Qxd6 Ra5 37.Bf3**
[37.Qxb6 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Rxh5+ *(38...Qf4+ 39.Kg1=)* 39.Kg3 Rg5+ 40.Kf3 Qd1+ 41.Ke3 Qe1+ 42.Kf4 Qc1+ 43.Kf3 Qd1+ 44.Ke3 Qe1+ 45.Kf3 Qd1+=]
37...Rf5 38.h6? 0.92/24
[38.Qxb6+- 3.77/24 has better winning chances. Kb8 39.Kh2]
38...Ka7? 4.72/24
[38...Qc1+± 0.92/24 39.Kh2 Rf7]
39.h7 aiming for Bf3-g4. **39...Rf7**
40.Qg6? -0.01/22
[40.Qh6+- 4.74/24 Qh8 41.Be4]
40...Qc1+= 41.Kh2 Qf4+ 3.43/27
[41...Qc7+= -0.01/26 42.g3 Rxf3]



42.Kh3!+- Rf6 43.Qh5
[43.h8Q? too greedy. Rxg6 44.Qh4 Qc1-+]
43...a3? 19.58/27
[43...Rh6 3.01/23 44.h8Q Qf5+ Pin 45.Bg4 Qxh5+ 46.Bxh5 Rxh8]
44.bxa3 6.15/24
[Weaker is 44.h8R axb2 45.Qb5 Rh6+ 46.Rxh6 Remove Defender

Qxh6+ 47.Bh5 b1Q 48.Qxb1 Qxh5+ 49.Kg3 Qg5+ 50.Kh2 *(50.Kh3 Qh6+ 51.Kg3 Qd6+ 52.f4 Qxd4±)* 50...Qf4+ 51.Kg1 Qxd4±]

[⌓44.h8Q 19.58/27 axb2 45.Q8h7]

44...Rh6 45.h8Q

Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/ Black=0.50

[Not 45.h8R Rxh5+ 46.Rxh5 Qxd4∓]

1-0

		C50
□	**Amin,Bassem**	**2680**
■	**Wagner,Dennis**	**2589**
FIDE Grand Swiss (1)		25.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.c3 d6 10.d4 Ba7 10...exd4 is the fancy move.10...exd4 ist der angesagte Zug. **11.dxe5 Be6N**

[Vorgänger: 11...Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Qh5 0-0! 14.Qxe5 Re8 15.Qf4 Be6 0.84/22 *(15...Qd6=* 0.27/23 keeps the balance. *16.Qxd6 Rxe4+ 17.Ne3 cxd6 18.Bd5 Re5 19.0-0-0 Bxe3+ 20.fxe3 Rxe3 21.Rhf1 Be6 22.Bxb7 Ra7 23.Bd5 a5 24.Bxe6 Rxe6 25.Rd2 a4 26.Kc2 g5 27.Rf5 Kg7 28.Rfd5 Ra6 29.Kd3 f6 30.Kc4 Rb6 31.Ra5 Re4+ 32.Kd3 Rg4* Pink,J (2687)-Yoo,E (2659) Kerteminde 1991 (3.2) 1-0*)* 16.0-0-0± Qg5 17.Qxg5 hxg5 18.Bb3! Bxd5 19.Rxd5 Rxe4 Kollars,D (2637)-Jones, G (2666) Titled Tuesday intern op 03rd May Late blitz 2022 (7) ½-½]

[11...dxe5 12.Qe2 Be6 13.Rd1 Qb8 14.a4 Na5 15.Ba2 c6 16.b4 cxd5 17.exd5 Bg4 18.bxa5 0-0 19.h3 e4 20.hxg4 exf3 21.Qxf3 Qe5+ 22.Kf1 Rac8 23.Rd3 Rfe8 24.g3 Qd6 25.Kg2 Re5 26.Rb1 Kaminski,J (1858)-Wozniak,M (1817) POL-chT 2nd League 2023 (8.82) 1-0]

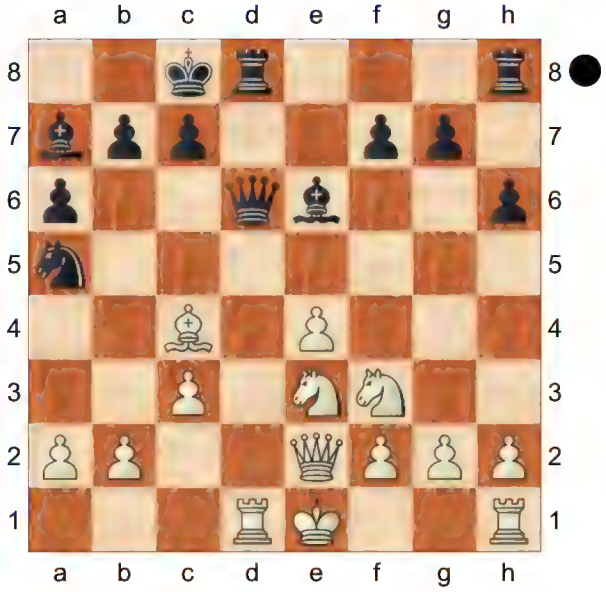
12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Qe2N 0-0-0 is the strong threat.

[13.Qc2 0-0-0 14.Bb3 Na5 15.Rd1 Nxb3 16.axb3 f5 17.e5 Qc5 18.b4 Qc4 19.Ne7+ Kb8 20.Nxf5 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Qg4 22.Ng3 Rd8+ 23.Kc1 Qf4+ 24.Kb1 17) Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - C-Italian 4...Bc5 5.Nc3 - Cleve]

13...0-0-0 The position is equal. **14.Rd1** -0.66/22

[14.0-0-0= 0.03/20 Na5 15.Bd3]

14...Na5!∓ aiming for ...Na5xc4. **15.Ne3**



Qxd1+ Deflection **16.Nxd1 Bxc4 17.Qc2 Bd3** -0.31/20 This pair of bishops is nice.

[Black should play 17...Rhe8∓ -0.71/23 ...Bc4-d3! would now be deadly. 18.Ne3 Bd3]

18.Qa4 Nc4 Hoping for ...Rh8-e8! **19.b3 Nb6** 0.01/22

[19...Nd6∓ -0.72/24 20.Nb2 Bb5]

20.Qa5!=

(Diagram)

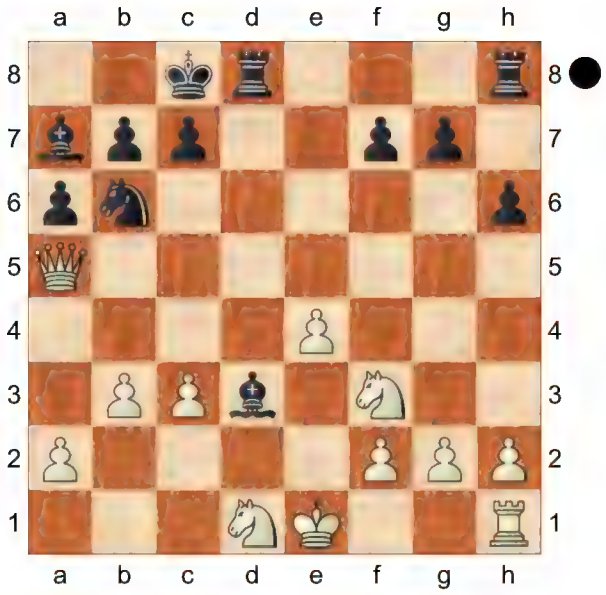
Bxe4 0.63/22

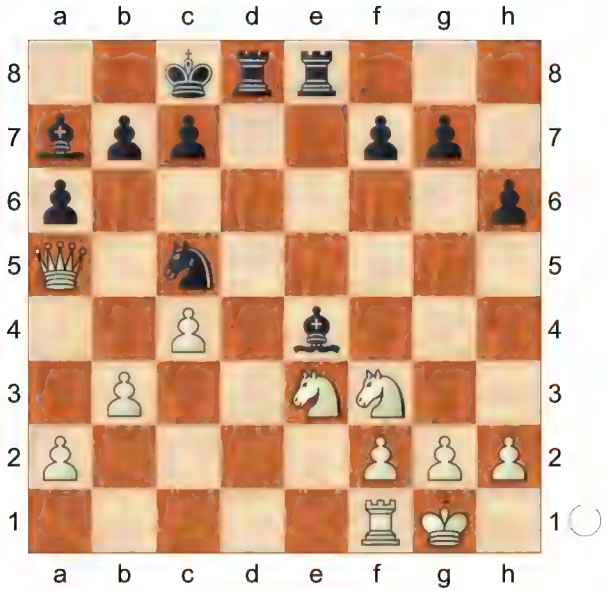
[20...Rhe8!∓ -0.76/21 21.Ne3 Nd7]

21.c4 Nd7 22.0-0 Nc5 23.Ne3 Rhe8

(Diagram)

24.Rd1! Nd3 25.Ne1 Black must now prevent Ne1xd3. **25...Re5 26.Qd2→** White has some attack. **26...Bg6**

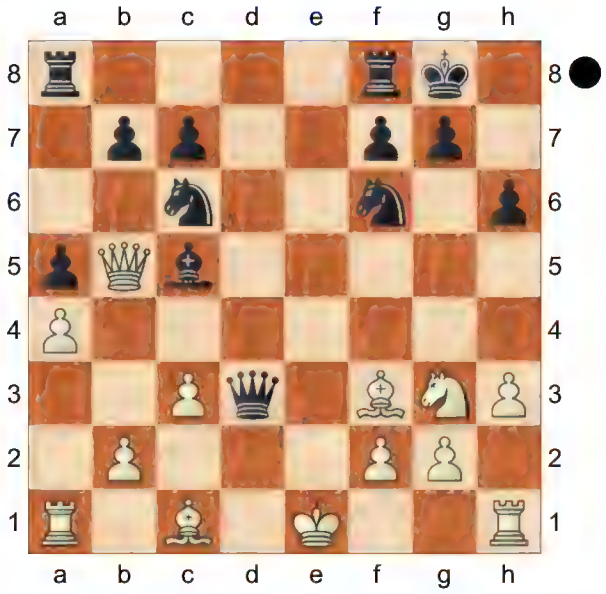




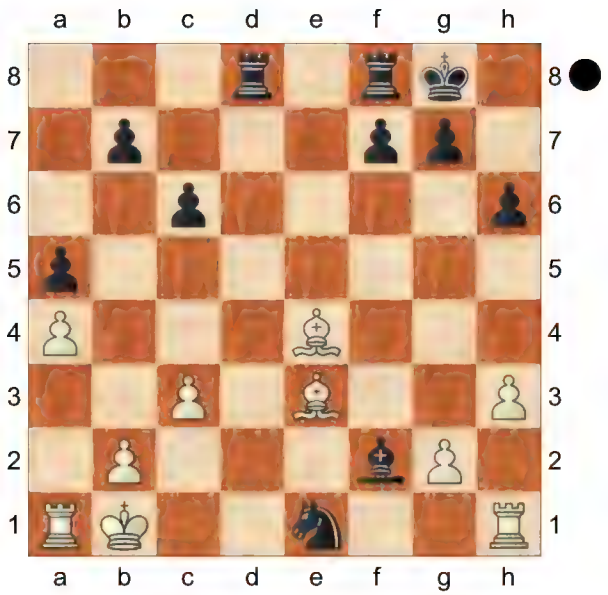
27.Nxd3 Rxd3 28.Qe2 0.17/23
[28.Qe1± 0.79/23 Strongly threatening Rd1xd3. Rxd1 29.Qxd1]
28...Rxd1+ 1.22/22
[28...Rdxe3!= 0.17/23 remains equal. 29.fxe3 Bh5]
29.Qxd1± Black is now going downhill.
29...Bxe3 1.59/25
[⌓29...Bc5 1.22/20 30.h3 Re8]
30.fxe3 Rxe3= Endgame. KQ-KRB
31.Qd4 Re2 2.52/24
[31...Rd3 1.82/21 was necessary. 32.Qxg7 Rd1+ 33.Kf2 Rd2+ 34.Kf1 h5 35.Qh8+ Rd8]
32.Qxg7+- h5 33.Qh8+ Kd7 34.Qd4+ Kc8 35.g4 Re4 36.Qh8+ Kd7 37.gxh5 Rg4+ 38.Kf1 Rh4 39.Qb8 Rxh5 40.Qxb7 a5 3.39/22
[40...Rxh2 2.41/23 keeps fighting. 41.Qxa6 Rh5]
41.Kg2 Rg5+ 42.Kf2 Re5 43.h4 Bh5 44.Kg3 Bg6 45.Qa7 Kc6 5.12/24
[⌓45...Rh5 3.56/22 46.a3 Kd8]
46.Qa6+ Kd7 47.Qf6 Rf5 48.Qd4+ Kc6 49.Kg4 Rh5 Prevents Qd4-e4+
50.a3 Kb7 51.c5 Ka7 52.Qa4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.42
1-0

C50
□ **Santos Ruiz,Miguel** **2596**
■ **Korobov,Anton** **2652**
ESP-chT CECLUB Honor (4.3) 19.09.23
[Kitty Kat]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.a4 d6 6.c3 a5
[6...a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Ba7 9.Nbd2 Qe7 10.h3 g5 11.Bg3 Nh5 12.Qe2 Qf6 13.Bh2 Nf4 14.Bxf4 gxf4 15.g4 Ne7 16.b4 Ng6 17.Kd1 h5 18.g5 Qe7 19.b5 Kf8 20.bxa6 bxa6 21.d4 Anand,V (2784)-Aronian,L (2792) Zuerich Opening Blitz 5th 19495 2016 (3) 0-1]
7.h3N
[7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 Be6 9.Qb3 Qd7 10.Re1 h6 11.Nf1 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 Qe6 13.Qxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Nd7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 Bb4 17.Rec1 d5 18.Ng3 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Nf6 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Nd5 Mendonca,L (2596)-Oparin,G (2667) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (8) ½-½]
7...h6 8.Nbd2 The position is equal.
8...0-0 8...Ba7 is the modern continuation .8...La7 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **9.Nf1 Be6 10.Ng3** -0.40/22
[10.Bxe6= 0.00/21 deserves consideration. fxe6 11.Qb3]
10...d5∓
[Vorgänger: 10...Re8 -0.01/21 10...d6-d5 -0.51 11.0-0 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.Re1? -1.58/23 *(White should try 13.Bb5=* 0.01/21 *)* 13...Bxc4∓ 14.dxc4 e4 15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.Nh2 Ne5! Chigaev,M (2588)-Martirosyan,H (2617) PNWCC-ch Online blitz 2020 (10) ½-½]
11.exd5 Bxd5 12.Qb3 e4 13.Bxd5! exf3 14.Bxf3 Qxd3 15.Qb5 -0.62/23
[15.Be2!= -0.21/24 Rfe8 16.Qb5]



15...Nb4!↑ Black has the initiative.
16.Qxd3 Nxd3+ 17.Kd2 Rad8 Black has more active pieces.
[17...Bxf2 18.Kxd3 Bxg3 19.Bxb7 Rad8+ 20.Kc2±]
18.Kc2 Bxf2 -0.60/22
[18...Nxf2 19.Rf1∓]
[Black should play 18...Rfe8!∓ -1.05/24 White must now prevent ... Nd3-e1+. 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.fxe3 c5 *(20...Rxe3? 21.Rhd1+-)*]
19.Ne4! White is weak on the dark squares **19...Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Ne1+ 21.Kb1** -1.89/21
[21.Rxe1!∓ -0.51/24 Bxe1 22.Bf4]
21...c6!-+ 22.Be3 Bg3 -0.79/23
[22...Bxe3 23.Rxe1 Bf2 24.Rf1∓]
[22...Bh4!-+ -1.82/23 is more deadly. 23.Bb6 Rd2]
23.Bf4∓ Deflection **23...Bf2** 0.01/20
[23...Bxf4∓ -0.80/25 24.Rxe1 Bg3]
24.Be3!=
(Diagram)

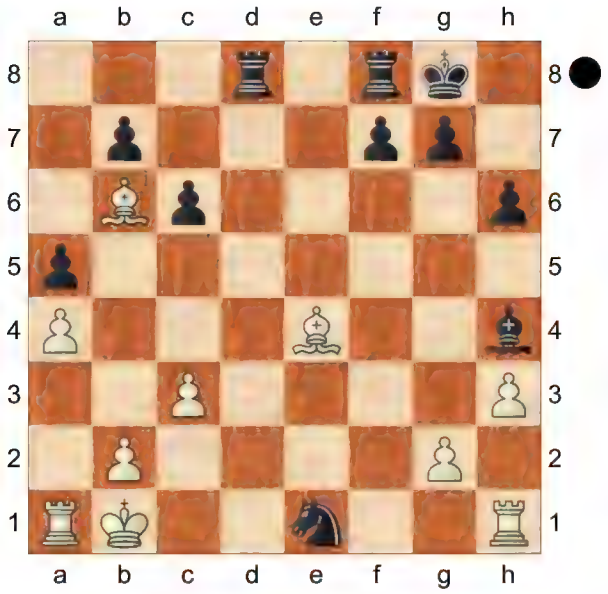


Deflection. This pair of bishops is nice.

24...Bh4

[24...Bxe3 25.Rxe1 Bf2 26.Re2∓]

25.Bb6



Rd2 26.Ka2 Re2

[26...Nxg2? 27.Rh2+- *(27.Bxa5? f5-+)*]

27.Bf3 -1.84/22

[27.Bf5∓ -1.42/23 keeps fighting.]

27...Nxf3-+ 28.gxf3 Bd8 29.Bc5 Rfe8

30.Rhd1 -2.42/21

[30.Kb3 -1.73/22 was called for.]

30...Bf6 31.Kb3 b5 32.Bd6? -3.62/24

[32.axb5 -1.89/23 R8e5 *(32...cxb5 33.Rxa5 Rh2 34.Rxb5∓)* 33.Kc4 cxb5+ *(33...Rxb2?* perishes. *34.bxc6 Kh7 35.c7+-)* 34.Kxb5]

32...Rd8 ...b5xa4+ is the strong threat.

33.axb5 cxb5 34.Bc7

[Of course not 34.Rxa5 Be7 35.Bxe7 Rxd1-+]

34...a4+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

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C50

☐ **Chapter E5**
■ **Sidelines**
[GM D. Kuljasevic,MH]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0
[4.d4 Bxd4 5.Nxd4 Nxd4 6.Be3 *(6.0-0 d6 7.f4 Nf6)* 6...Nc6 7.Qg4 *(7.Nc3 d6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Be6 11.Nd5 g5)* 7...Qf6 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qe2 Be6 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.0-0-0 a6 12.h4 Qd7 13.h5 h6 14.a3 Nce7 15.Kb1 Bxd5 16.exd5 f5]
4...Nf6 5.d3
[5.Ng5 0-0 6.Nc3 Nd4 7.Nf3 c6 *(7...d6)* 8.Nxe5 d5 9.exd5 Re8 10.Nf3 *(10.Nxf7 Kxf7 11.dxc6+ Kf8)* 10...Bg4 11.dxc6 *(11.Be2 Rxe2 12.Nxd4 Rxf2)* 11...Qc8]
[5.c3 Nxe4 6.d4 *(6.Bd5 Nf6 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5 0-0 9.d4 Be7 10.Nd2 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nb3 Bb6)* 6...d5 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.Bb3 0-0]
[5.Re1 0-0
A) 6.c3 Nxe4 *(6...Re8)* 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 *(8.Rxe4 d5 9.Bg5 f6)* 8...Bb4 9.Rxe4 *(9.Bxf7+ Rxf7 10.Rxe4 d5 11.Rf4 Bf5 12.Nc3 Bd6)* 9...d5
A1) 10.Rh4 dxc4 11.Qc2 g6 *(11...h6 12.Bxh6)*;
A2) 10.Bg5 Qd7;
B) 6.d3 Ng4 7.Re2 Nd4 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.h3 Nf6 10.Nd2 *(10.c3 Bb6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 d6 13.d4 g5)* 10...d6 11.Nf3 Bb6 12.Be3 Be6 13.Bb3 Re8 14.Qe1 Nh5 15.Qd2 Bxe3 16.fxe3 a5 17.Rf2 a4 18.Bxe6 Rxe6]
[5.d4 Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4
A) 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qe7 *(8...g5 9.f4)* 9.f4 *(9.Kh1 g5)* 9...Qc5 10.Bxf7+ *(10.fxe5 Nf3+ 11.Kh1 Nxh4 12.exf6 Qxc4 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Nc3 c6)* 10...Kxf7 11.Bxf6 *(11.fxe5 Nf3+)* 11...gxf6 12.fxe5 Qxe5 13.Nc3 c6 14.Qd2 d6 15.Rad1 Nb5 16.Ne2 Bg4 17.a4 Nc7;
B) 7.f4 d6 8.fxe5 *(8.Nc3 Be6 9.Bd3 exf4 10.Bxf4 Nd7; 8.c3 Nc6 9.f5 h6 10.g4 b6 11.Qf3 Bb7)* 8...dxe5 9.Bg5 *(9.c3 Bg4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qd1 Ne6)* 9...Qe7 *(9...Be6 10.Na3 Qe7 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 14.Ne3 Qc5 15.Qd2 Rd8 16.Qf2)*
B1) 10.Nc3 Be6 *(10...Qc5 11.Bxf7+)*
B1a) 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 *(12.Bxd5 0-0-0)* 12...Qc5;
B1b) 11.Bxe6 fxe6;
B2) 10.Kh1 Be6 11.Bxe6 *(11.Bd3 0-0-0 12.Qe1 Rhg8)* 11...Qxe6 12.Bxf6 *(12.c3 Nxe4 13.cxd4 Nxg5 14.dxe5 0-0)* 12...gxf6 13.c3 Nb5 14.Qe2 Nd6 15.Nd2 Rg8 16.Rf3 a6 17.Qf2 Rg6 18.b3 0-0-0 19.Rd3 *(19.c4 f5)* 19...Rdg8 20.Rg1 Kb8;
B3) 10.Rf2 Qc5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Na3 *(12.Qd3 Ne6)* 12...Ne6 13.Qe1 Nf4 14.Kh1 Bg4 15.Rd2 h5 16.h3 Rd8;
B4) 10.Nd2 Bd7 *(10...Be6 11.c3)* 11.c3 Ne6
B4a) 12.Be3 0-0-0 13.b4 *(13.Bxa7 Bc6)* 13...Nf4;
B4b) 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qf3 Nf4 14.g3 Nh3+ 15.Kg2 *(15.Kh1 0-0-0)* 15...Ng5 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 0-0-0;

B5) 10.c3 Ne6
B5a) 11.Bxe6 Bxe6 12.Kh1 Qd7 13.Qe2 0-0-0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Na3 *(15.Qf2 Rhg8)* 15...Qd2 16.Rae1 Rhg8 *(16...Bxa2)*;
B5b) 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nd2 *(12.Bxe6 Bxe6 13.Na3 Rg8; 12.Na3 Nf4 13.Kh1 Rg8)* 12...Rg8 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Qf3 Rg6 15.Qf2 b6 16.a4 0-0-0 17.a5 Bc6 18.axb6 cxb6;
B6) 10.Na3 Rg8 11.Kh1 *(11.Qe1 Be6; 11.c3 Ne6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.b4 0-0-0 14.Bxa7 Bc6)* 11...Bd7 12.Qd2 *(12.Qe1 0-0-0 13.Qh4 Bc6 14.Rae1 Ne6)* 12...0-0-0 *(12...Ne6)* 13.Qf2 Be6 14.c3 Nc6 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Rxf6 Bxc4]

5...d6 6.Bg5
[6.Ng5 Bg4 7.Nxf7 Qd7]
[6.Be3 Bxe3 7.fxe3 Be6 *(7...Na5 8.Bd5 c6 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.b4 c5 11.bxa5 Qxa5)* 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.d4 Qe7 *(10...Qe8 11.Qd3 a6 12.Qc4 b5)*]
[6.h3 Na5 7.Bb3 *(7.Nbd2 Nxc4 8.Nxc4 Be6 9.Be3 Nxe4 10.Ncxe5 Bxe3 11.dxe4 Bb6 12.Nd3 Qf6 13.c3 0-0)* 7...Nxb3 8.axb3 h6 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 0-0 12.d4 Qe7]

6...h6 This is Black's most common reply in practice, along with 6...Nbd7 which often transposes back to 6...e5 after a subsequent 7...e5. However, as I already mentioned in the introduction, it is doubtful whether this is a proper reaction to 6.Bd3. **7.Bh4** In the blocked-center type of position, the bishop may just prove to be more useful on the b1-h7 than on e2, as in the classical variation. As far as Black is concerned, his plan remains straightforward: he will try to push ...f7-f5 with the help of his active knights.
[7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nc3 0-0 *(8...Ne7 9.d4 exd4 10.e5)* 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.c3 Ne7 11.Ne3 Ng6 12.d4 Bb6 13.dxe5 *(13.Nd5 Bg4; 13.Re1 exd4 14.cxd4 c6)* 13...Nxe5 *(13...dxe5 14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Rad1 Re8)* 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qh5 Qd2 16.Rad1 Qxb2 17.Qxe5 Bxe3 18.fxe3 Be6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh7 21.Qc4 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Qd2 23.Qd4 Rd8]
7...g5 provides a slightly different direction for Black compared to the main line 7...a5. Nevertheless, I suggest we play similarly. **8.Bg3!? h5 9.Nxg5** The bishop feels comfortable on this square, still discouraging the f5-break. Black can try a few other ideas, such as
[9.h3 This is the only reasonable independent try, as far as I can tell. g4 10.Ng5 I'd recommend keeping the central tension with h4 Black can resolve the tension in one of two ways: 11.Nxf7 Qd7 12.Bh2 *(or 12.Nxh8 hxg3)* 12...gxh3± White has a typical pleasant edge thanks to the extra space.]
[9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 *(*instead of *10.hxg5 h4* when White might find it a bit awkward to defend the e-pawn since his ideal Be3, Nd2 setup is not achievable.*; 10.Nbd2 Qd7 11.c3 0-0-0 12.b4* transposes to 6...e5, covered in Chapter 5.while *12...Bb6 13.a4 a5 14.b5 Ne7* transposes to Chapter 6. *15.Bxf7 gxh4 16.Bxh4 Rh7)* 10...Qd7± In the case of 11.d4 we are ready for exd4 in the view of 12.e5 Ne4 13.Bh2 d5±]

9...h4 10.Nxf7! It's a good idea to do something about the opponent's most active piece. This way, we prepare to push it out with g2-g3. **10...hxg3 11.Nxd8**

[11.Nxh8 Qe7 12.Bf7+ Kd8 13.hxg3 It's not advisable to castle queenside here, however, in the view of the possible b5-break (this is where we miss the bishop on e2) , so it's best to continue Qf8 14.Nd2 Bg4 15.Nf3 Qxh8 16.a3?! *(16.c3 Qh7)* 16...Ke7 17.Bc4 Bxf3 *(17...Qh5!?⇄)* 18.Qxf3 Nd4± 1-0 (44) Paravyan,D (2625) -Tissir,M (2379) Krasnaya Polyana 2021 19.Qd1 Qh6±]

[11.hxg3 Qe7 12.Nxh8 Qh7 13.Bf7+ Kd8 14.Qd2 Qxh8 15.Qg5 *(15.Nc3* is less common, although it often leads to positions from the main lines by transposition. *Qg7)* 15...Nd4 16.Nc3 Ke7± with a pleasant advantage for White in 1-0 (34) Nakamura,H (2768) -Carlsen,M (2859) Chess.com INT 2022]

11...Bg4 12.Qd2± White has the f5-break under control. Moreover, he can strengthen his position with normal developing moves and gradually prepare his queenside play or the f4-break, depending on the circumstances. Let's consider a sample line that illustrates these ideas.

[12.Nf7 Rxh2∓ 13.Qd2? -5.64/24 was slow and unnecessary. *(13.b4* -3.48/20 *Bxf2+ 14.Rxf2 gxf2+)* 13...Nd4!-+ 14.Ng5 *(14.Nc3* Strongly threatening Qd2-g5. *Nf3+! 15.gxf3 Bxf3 16.Qh6 Rg2+± 17.Kh1 Rxf2+* makes it easier for Black to achieve his typical strategic goals. We can also simply transpose to 6...e5 with *18.Kg1* Several strong players preferred *18...Rg2+!?* keeping the options open. Depending on Black's answer, we could prepare g2-g4 with queenside castling, as in Nakamura's game below. *19.Kh1 Rh2#)* 14...Ke7 15.Qe3 Rah8 16.fxg3 Rh1+ 17.Kf2 Rxf1+± ½-½ (68) Carlsen,M (2864) -Aronian, L (2775) Miami 2022The main line 18.Kxf1 is examined in the next chapter. Rh1+ 19.Kf2 I recommend this move in accordance with the main line. It seems simpler than the alternative. Bd1 *(19...Nxc2* -6.08/21 19...Bg4-d1 *-#8)*

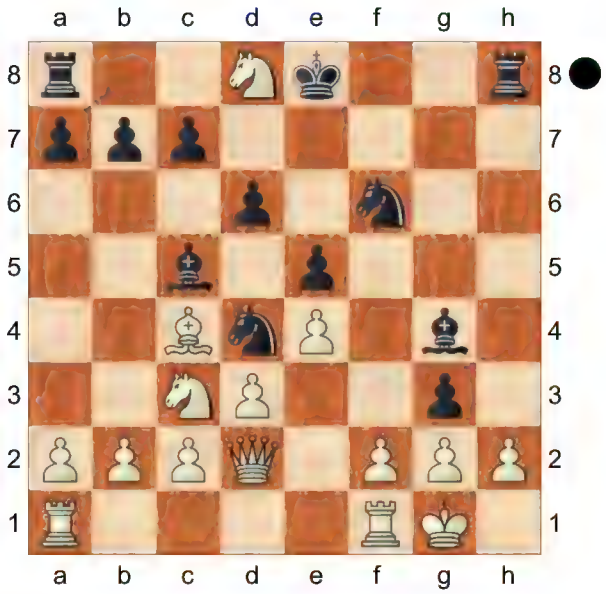
A) 20.g4↑ Nxg4+ 21.Kg3± and keeping a more closed profile after 21...Nxe3 22.Nd2 Nef5+ 23.Kf2± This type of position is often met in the classical variation, with the only difference here being the position of the light-squared bishop. Either way, White typically has slightly easier play. *(23.exf5!?* Black doesn't have enough pressure against d4, so we can keep the tension in the center. *Nxf5#)* 23...Nxc2+ 24.d4 Bxd4#;

B) 20.Be6!? This is an independent attempt to get an advantage from the opening.Black has a strategic choice now between opening the position with 20...Nxe6 21.g4 *(21.Qxc5! Ng4#)* 21...Nxg4+ We have another typical KID structure on the board. White's space advantage usually promises him a more comfortable game, but Black is not without resources, either. He can put pressure on our central pawns with his pieces or by preparing one of the ...b5/...d5/...f5 pawn breaks. Let's check a sample

line: 22.Kg3 Bxe3 23.Nf3 Nf6 24.Nh2 We don't mind trading the light-squared bishop for the opponent's active knight. Nh5+ 25.Kh3 Black risks getting into a very passive position if he doesn't break with Ng5+ at once. However, even after this freeing move, White keeps the initiative with 26.Kh4 Rxh2#]

12...Nd4! 13.h3 -0.20/22

[13.Nc3?! -#7/16 13.Nd8-e6 0.20



Nf3+!]

[13.Nxb7 Nf3+ 14.gxf3 Bxf3]

[13.Ne6 0.29/24 was preferrable. Ne2+ 14.Qxe2 Bxe2 15.hxg3 *(15.Nxc7+ Kd7∓)* 15...Bxf1 16.Nxc5 *(16.Kxf1 Rh1+ 17.Ke2 Kd7∓; 16.Nxc7+ Kd7∓)* 16...dxc5 17.Nc3 *(17.Kxf1? Rh1+ 18.Ke2 Ke7-+)*]

13...Ne2+= 14.Qxe2

[14.Kh1? -#2/6 14.Qd2xe2 -0.26 Rxh3+!∞ Black is very active. 15.gxh3 doesn't work because of Bf3#!]

[14.Kh1? is a self mate. Rxh3+ 15.gxh3 Bf3#]

14...Bxe2 15.Ne6

[15.Nxb7? -2.07/22 15.Nd8-e6 -0.21 Bb6 This is why I'd prefer to keep our bishop on d3/c2.]

[15.Nxb7? perishes. Bb6 *(15...Bxf2+ 16.Rxf2 gxf2+ 17.Kxf2±)* 16.Nd2 Rb8-+ *(16...gxf2+ 17.Rxf2 Rf8 18.Re1=)*]

15...Bb6 16.Nc3! Bxf1 17.Kxf1 gxf2 18.Na4! Kd7 19.Nxb6+ axb6 20.Kxf2± -1.12/24

[20.Ng5!= -0.01/23 keeps the balance.]

20...b5!∓ and **21.Bb3 Rag8** -0.51/23 although White doesn't mind it if the queenside opens up:

[21...c5 Hoping for ...c5-c4! 22.Ng5 c4 23.dxc4± Rag8 is also likely to transpose to the main line after 24.Nf3 Nxe4+ 25.Kf1 b4 etc. 26.Rd1

was Carlsen's choice. Rf8! 27.Kg1 Here, Black could have obtained timely counterplay with Rh5]

[21...c5∓ -0.95/24 ...c5-c4! is the strong threat. 22.Ng5 Rh5]

22.Nxc7∓ Kxc7 23.Bxg8 Rxg8± 24.g4?! is premature because of **24...d5 25.Kf3 Kd6**

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☐ **Italian Game**
■ **3 Bc4 Others**
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C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5
Black has tried some other third moves with very mixed results:
[a) 3...Be7 4.0-0 *(4.d4* should be met by 4...d6 - for *exd4* see Hoffmann,R-Heilmann,A/Berlin 1904.*)* 4...Nf6 5.d3 is covered under C55.]
[b) 3...h6 4.d4 *(4.0-0 Bc5?! 5.b4* brought about a suped up form of the Evans Gambit in Nash,R-Colebrook,M/County Match, England 1972.*)* 4...exd4 5.c3 Qe7?! lost too much time in the game Verheyen,N-Regniers,G/Mechelen, Belgium 2001.]
[c) 3...d6 is an unusual move which has attracted the attention of some strong players, 4.c3 g6 *(4...f5!? 5.d3 Qf6!? 6.Ng5!?* see Fedoseev,V-Dubov,D/Moscow RUS 2020.*)* 5.d3 Bg7 6.Ng5 Nh6 7.h4 Qe7 8.Qb3 Nd8 and White's pieces were soon driven back in Polzin,R-Graf,A/Koelln GER 2002.]
4.0-0 This is a quiet-looking alternative to 4.c3 or 4.b4, although it can be followed by a pawn offer.
[The genuinely quiet 4.d3 Nf6
A) 5.Bg5
A1) 5...Be7 6.a4 *(6.Bh4 0-0 7.Bg3 d6* Pichot,A-Grischuk,A/Krasnaya Polyana RUS 2021.*)* 6...0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.h3!? Be6 Yu,Y-Vidit,S/Danzhou CHN 2019.;
A2) 5...h6 6.Bh4 Be7 *(or 6...d6)* 7.Bg3 *(7.Nbd2 d6 8.c3 a6* Sevian,S-Mikhalevski,V/Sturbridge 2019.*)* 7...d6 8.a4 *(8.c3 g6!?* Oparin,G-Mikhalevski,V/European Online Club Cup Group E 2021.*)* 8...a5 9.0-0 Esipenko,A-Predke,A/Ufa RUS 2021.;
B) 5.a4 d6 6.c3 a6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Anand,V-Kramnik,V/Wijk aan Zee NED 2018.;
C) 5.c3 is covered in [C54].;
D) 5.0-0 transposes below.;
E) 5.Nc3 is a relatively rare continuation, though Black has to be precise in order to equalize,
E1) 5...h6 6.0-0 *(6.a3!? d6 7.Na4!* Mitusov,S-Urkedal,F/Storefjell resort hotel, Norway 2024. *)* 6...a6 7.Be3 *(7.a3 0-0 8.Be3 d6!* is Gao Rui-Harikrishna,P/China CHN 2018, by transposition.*)* 7...Bxe3 8.fxe3 d6 9.a3 0-0 Adams,M-Royal,S/British Championships 2024.;
E2) 5...a6 is seen in Kramnik,V-Aronian,L/Berlin GER 2018.;
E3) 5...d6
E3a) 6.Be3 Bb6 this retains the tension and is by far the most popular. *(6...Bb4!?* Akylbekov,N-Mikhalevski,V/New York 2018. *)*;
E3b) 6.Na4 gains the bishop pair, Bb6 *(6...Qe7* is extremely rare, *7.a3 Be6* Giri,A-Shankland,S/Wijk aan Zee NED 2019.*)* 7.c3 *(7.a3* is interesting, *0-0 8.0-0* Karjakin,S-Topalov,V/Shamkir AZE 2018. *)* 7...Ne7 8.0-0 Ng6 9.Re1 0-0 Ivanchuk,V-

Aronian,L/Jermuk ARM 2009;
E3c) 6.0-0 Bg4;
E3d) 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nd5 Qd8 *(the tricky 8...Qg6?!* probably loses to *9.Nh4! Qg5 10.Nxc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 Qxh4 12.Qd2* followed by c3 and b4.*)* 9.c3 a6 *(9...Ne7 10.d4 Nxd5 11.dxc5 Nf4 12.g3 Nh3 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.Qa4+* is the other mainline.*)* 10.d4 Lupulescu,C-Georgiev,K/ Dresden GER 2008.]

4...Nf6 5.d3

[5.d4!? Bxd4 6.Nxd4 Nxd4 7.f4
A) Black needs to be careful, for example 7...Nc6 is answered by 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.fxe5 Rf8 *(9...Nxe5 10.Qd5+* wins back the piece with a good game*)* 10.exf6 and Black was in serious trouble in Ciesla, A-Bloch,P/Zakopane POL 2001.;
B) 7...d6
B1) 8.fxe5 dxe5 is the mainline, 9.Bg5 Be6 10.Na3 Qe7
B1a) 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.c3 Nc6 *(12...Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Ne6* transposes. *)*;
B1b) 11.c3 Bxc4 12.Bxf6 *(12.Nxc4?! Ne6 13.Bxf6 Qc5+)* 12...gxf6 13.Nxc4 Ne6 Black's extra pawn is doubled on an open file, so chances are about equal.;
B2) 8.c3 Nc6 Koltanowski used this line to great effect in simultaneous displays. Although White's compensation looks nebulous at this point, he has long-term compensation because of the difficulty Black will have in finding a safe place for his king. *(8...Ne6 9.f5 Nc5* similarly gave White play for the pawn in Stephenson,N-Ledger,D/British Championship, Torquay 1998.*)* 9.f5 Bd7 10.Bg5 Qe7 11.Nd2 0-0-0 12.b4 and Black's king proved to be precariously placed in Aldebol,N-NN/Internet Chess Club, 2001.]

5...0-0

[5...d6 6.a4 a5 *(6...Bg4 7.h3 Bh5* gave Black a good game in Morrison, C-Horner,J/British Championship 1985. *)* 7.c3 Bb6 Odeev,H-Mikhalevski,V/ Budapest 2017.]

6.Bg5 There are many alternatives here:

[6.Nc3 h6 *(6...d6 7.Bg5)* 7.Be3 Haimovich,T-Mikhalevski,V/Ramat Aviv 2019.]
[6.h3 d5 *(6...a5!? 7.c3 h6 8.d4 Bb6!* He,A-Mikhalevski,V/Seattle 2019. *)* 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 *(8.a4 Be6!? 9.Ng5!* Carlsen,M-Nakamura,H/ FTX Crypto Cup KO 2021.*)* 8...Be6! Karjakin,S-Aronian,L/Wijk aan Zee NED 2017.]
[6.Nbd2 d5 very ambitious, 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Re1 Nf6 Shanava,K-Bacrot,E/ Deizisau GER 2012.]
[6.Re1 Ng4!? *(6...d6 7.c3* is seen in [C54].*)* 7.Re2 Kh8!? this initiates sharp play, 8.h3 f5! 9.Bg5! Nf6 10.Nc3 *(10.exf5!?* Kadric, D-Martirosyan,H/European Team Championship 2023.*)* 10...d6 11.Nd5 see Carlsen,M-Nakamura,H/ FTX Crypto Cup KO 2021.]
[6.a4 h6 *(6...a5 7.Bg5 d6 8.c3* Peng,D-Mikhalevski,V/Philadelphia 2018. *)* 7.c3 a5 8.Nbd2 *(8.h3 d6 9.Re1* Karjakin,S-Kramnik,V/Shamkir

AZE 2017.) 8...d6 9.h3 Be6 Anand,V-So,W/ London ENG 2017.]
[6.c3 is the most common, see [C54].]

6...h6 7.Bh4 The position is equal.

7...Be7 8.Bg3N

[8.Nc3 d6 9.h3 Be6 10.Bb3 a6 11.Re1 Na5 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 Qd7 15.Bg3 e5 16.Nf5 Nc6 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5+ Kh8 19.Rad1 Rad8 20.c3 Bg5 21.Rd3 g6 22.Nh4 Bxh4 Heinatz,G-Melzer,A DDR Women U18-ch 1981 (5) 0-1]

[8.Bb3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Ba4 c5 11.Nc3 Be6 12.Nh2 a6 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ng4 Bg5 15.Bb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 g6 17.Ne3 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Qf3 Qd7 20.Ned5 Rae8 21.Qh5 Qg7 22.f4 exf4 8.♕xc4/ 10.♗f4 ♘d5/ 13.,. (2535)-Henzler,S (2635) corr 20. Polish Team Championship 2011 0-1]

8...d6 9.a4 Giri,A-Mamedyarov,S/Terme Catez SLO 2021. An uneventful encounter.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.00 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

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☐ **7) White: 1.e4 vs. 1...e5**

■ **Italian 3...Nf6,4...Bc5 #8**

Opening Compass for Black and White *[Kitty Kat]*

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo

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[11...g5 12.Nxg5 hxg5 13.Bxg5 Kg7 14.Be3 Bxe3 7) White: 1.e4 vs. 1...e5-Italian 3...Nf6,4 Opening Compass for Black and White 2023]

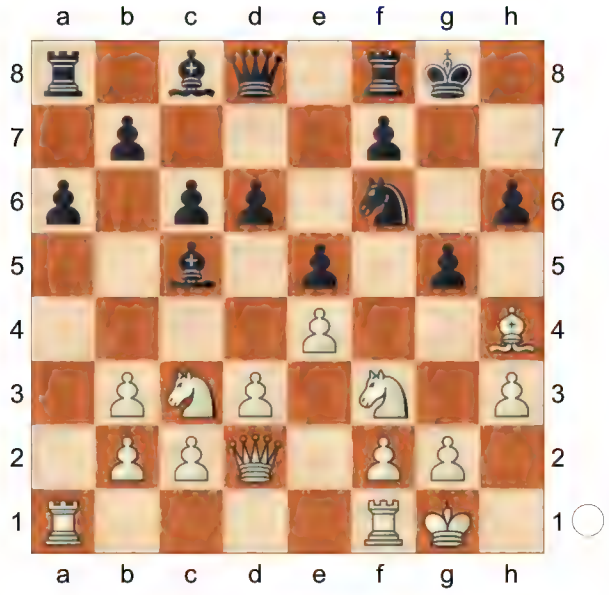
12.Qd2!? -0.35/19 This is the most annoying move. Black cannot unpin easily now.

[12.d4!? exd4 13.Nxd4 is also justified, fighting for the center.]

[12.d4= 0.23/21 exd4 13.Nxd4]

12...g5?? 2.23/22

[12...Kh7∓ -0.35/19 keeps the upper hand.]



13.Nxg5!+- White is clearly better.

13...hxg5 14.Qxg5+ Kh7 15.Qxf6

With two extra pawns.

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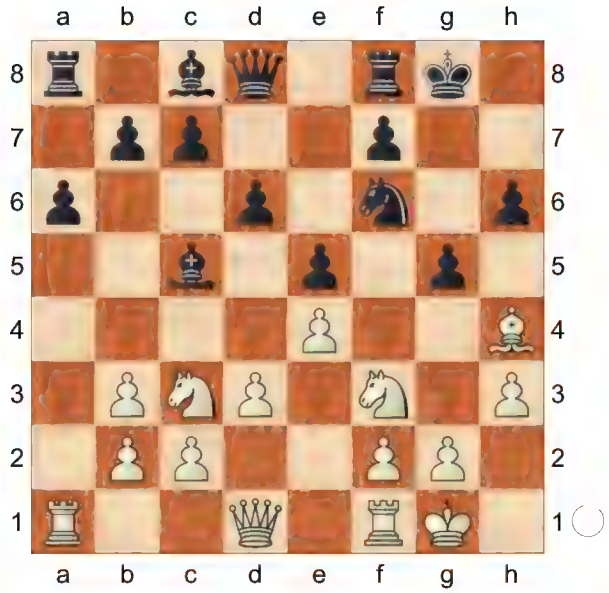

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13...Kg7? 4.46/21 f4
[13...c6± 0.54/21]
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Weighted Error Value: White=0.88/ Black=1.06

C50

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Opening Compass for Black and White *[Kitty Kat]*

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10.Bg5!?

[White can also choose the calmer option 10.Be3!?]

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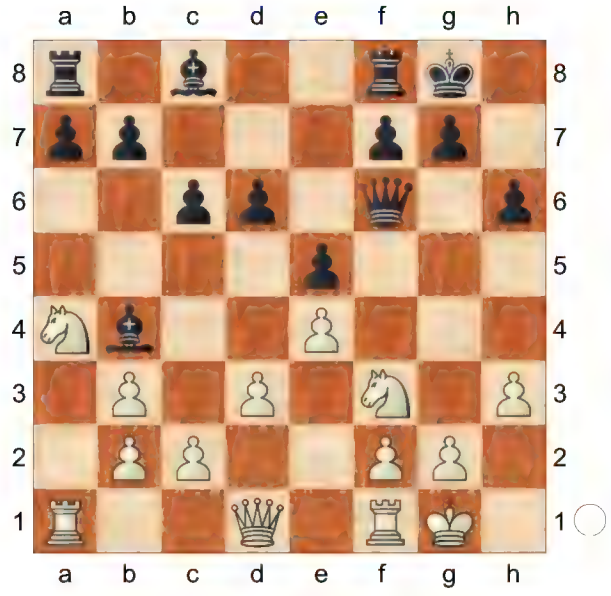
12...Bb4? 1.17/24

[12...a5= 0.07/20 remains equal.]



13.Nb6!± Pin. White is better. **13...Rb8**

[13...axb6? 3.02/23 13...Ra8-b8 1.08 14.Rxa8 wins the exchange.]

14.Nxc8

[Of course not 14.Rxa7?! Bxh3 15.gxh3 Bc5∓]

14...Rfxc8 15.Rxa7 With a healthy extra pawn. Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.49

C50

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Opening Compass for Black and White

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[10.Be3 -0.18/19 10.Nc3-a4 0.39 is a logical move that leads to equality.]

10...Bb6 11.Nxb6 The a7-pawn is pinned. **11...cxb6 12.Re1** Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

[White has a pleasant choice between developing the pieces with either this move or 12.Be3± , or fighting for the center with]

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[Alternatively, 9.Na4!? removes a strong bishop. This leads to more complex positions with chances for both sides.]

[9.Bg5 Qe8 10.Re1 Nh5 11.Qd2 Rxf3 12.gxf3 Nd4 13.Qd1 Qg6 14.h4 Rf8 15.Re3 h6 Opening a File]

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10...d5

[After 10...h6 11.d4!? White is the first one to get the center.]

11.exd5!? exd5 12.e4 Fighting for the center. **12...d4**

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[White can also try to get the bishop

pair with 8.Na4!? $14]

8...Bb6

[8...Bxe3 9.fxe3 Now our f1-rook is developed. The useful moves would be d3-d4 or Qd1-e1-g3 (h4) preparing the attack on the kingside. White could double rooks after that. Na5 10.Bb3!? White will play on the kingside now. 7) White: 1.e4 vs. 1... e5-Italian 3...Nf6,4 Opening Compass for Black and White 2023]

9.Bxb6!?

[9.a4 Re8 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Bxe3 12.fxe3 Be6 13.c4 a5 14.Qd2 Nb4 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Bd5 c6 17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.Rac1 Re7 19.Nh4 Reb7 20.Nf5 h5 21.Qf2 g6 22.Qg3 Kh7 23.Rcd1 Rd7 Gukesh,D (2725)-Carlsen,M (2859) Speed Chess Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (1.12) 1-0]

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[Or White can play a slow move like 10.a3!? , securing the c4-bishop against ...Na5.]

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